

NEWS SUMMARY

Terrorists stage show of strength

Fifteen terrorists staged a show of strength in isolated border country yesterday to display weaponry and warn Roman Catholics...

New evidence frees youth

A youth who spent three months in prison accused of murdering a teenage girl was released yesterday after new evidence showed he could not be the killer...

Lawyer remand

A solicitor who was extradited from France to face a double murder charge was remanded in police custody yesterday in a private hearing...

Branson boat sold

Mr Richard Branson, the pop millionaire, has sold the Virginia Atlantic Challenger II for £1 million, to a wealthy Saudi Arabian prince...

Miners stop work

A strike halted work yesterday at the £57 million colliery Castlebridge, near Dundermine, which was opened only last month...

Militant defiant

The Labour Party's battle with the Militant leaders of Liverpool Council took yet another twist last night as the expelled Mr Derek Hutton (right) insisted that he was still the deputy leader of the council...



Health education chief's future queried

Mr Norman Fowler, the new body will need to re-appoint senior staff and there is no guarantee that they will be re-employed...

In the year he took office he took on ministers over the appointment of Mr Michael Daube, a former director of Ash, the anti-smoking campaign, and a senior lecturer in community medicine at Edinburgh University...

'Threat to society' message on Aids

The Government's £20 million Aids campaign begins tomorrow with explicit newspaper advertisements designed to promote fundamental changes in sexual behaviour in Britain...

Baker blow as teachers set seal on pay package

Teachers last night rebuffed Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, by formally approving the deal on pay and conditions agreed last weekend...

Mr John Pearson, leader of the Labour-controlled local authorities, said that the Government's request to reconsider stemmed from a mistaken view of the management needs of schools...



Here served PC Keith Blakelock: The simple message on the plaque in Maxwell Hill, London. His widow, Elizabeth, stands in tribute at the memorial unveiled yesterday by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader (Photograph: John Rogers).

PC was 'victim of cruelty'

As Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Labour Party, unveiled yesterday a memorial to the memory of PC Keith Blakelock who was hacked to death during the north London riots last year...

death after police raided her home, led to the rioting. Outside the town hall at Haringey, Mr Kinnock met the leader of the council, Mr Bernie Grant, whom he had publicly disowned because of remarks made after the riot...

Royal guest at concert

The Prince of Wales is to attend a concert in London next month, to mark 600 years of Anglo-Portuguese friendship, it was announced yesterday...

Kinnock hedges on N-weapon plan

Mr Neil Kinnock said yesterday that the timetable for the removal of American nuclear weapons from Britain under a Labour government would be worked out in agreement with the United States...

New CND leaflet is scorned

A new CND leaflet purporting to show the routes used by convoys carrying nuclear weapons drew scorn last night from defence sources in Whitehall...

Wapping pay-off claims near 2,000

Nearly half the number of full-time employees of News International who went on strike have applied for termination payments...

Pay offer aims at prison peace

The Home Office sought to buy prison peace yesterday with a £15,000-a-year salary for top-grade prison officers choosing to work a regular 49-hour week...

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Personal records check and bill of rights win places in MPs' ballot

By Francis Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Moves to strengthen citizens' rights made two significant advances yesterday.

First, an MP who has drawn sixth place in the ballot for private members' Bills is to present one giving individuals a statutory right to inspect and correct personal files held on them by doctors, employers and local authorities.

Second, an attempt to give United Kingdom citizens their own bill of rights is to be renewed by Sir Edward Gardner, MP for Fylde, who has drawn fifth place.

About 150 MPs from all parties are backing a private member's Bill to give individuals a right to inspect and correct all personal files.

The measure, Access To Personal Files Bill, is to be introduced by Mr Archy Kirkwood, Liberal health spokesman. He has the backing of the Campaign for Freedom of Information which has been promoting the measure as the next step for giving people access to personal information held on them.

Yesterday Mr Des Wilson, campaign chairman, said: "This has been our number one aim for nearly three years and we have finally come up trumps".

The Bill complements the Data Protection Act, which in November next year will give individuals the right to see files on them held on computers.

"It will end the absurd inconsistency which denies people access to personal files not on a computer.

Under the Bill individuals would be able to discover what records are kept about them, obtain the records and correct them if necessary.

Like the Data Protection Act they could obtain compensation through the courts for damage caused by inaccuracies, and would have a right of appeal if records were not corrected.

It would also include benefits and pensions records, records of arrests and convictions, certain immigration data and records of credit-worthiness.

Mr Wilson predicted the Bill had a high chance of success in view of the widespread support for it which has been confirmed in two opinion polls.

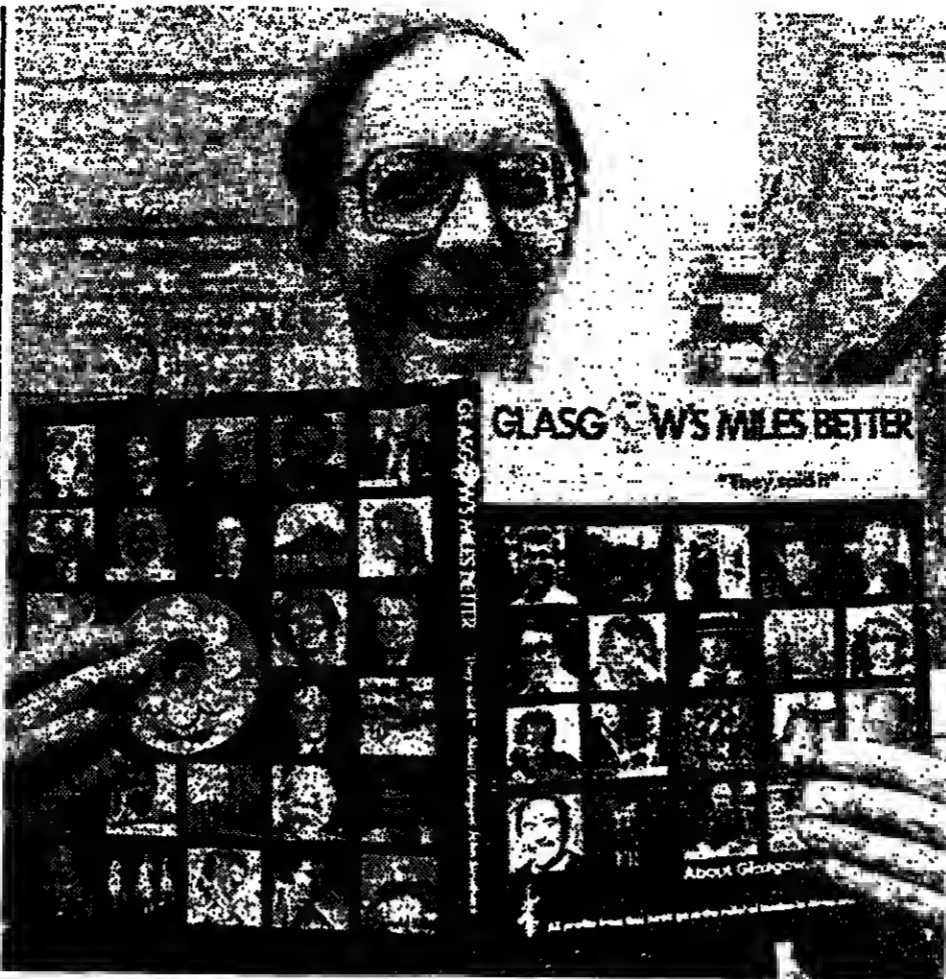
A number of employers already give access to personal records, including IBM, British Gas, the National Coal Board, Swan Hunter Shipbuilders and some local authorities.

The BBC has agreed in principle to let staff see their records and the Army allows its staff to see personnel and performance files.

Sir Edward's attempt on the bill of rights coincides with what may be yet another attempt by the European Court of Human Rights against the Government on Monday in a case brought by a Guernsey couple over their right to live in their own home.

But it is expected to be resisted by the Government, which is opposed to any bill of rights, although there is wide support among peers and among organizations outside Parliament.

Sir Edward is to take up the



Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, at the launch in Glasgow yesterday of a book of quotations from politicians, sportsmen and entertainers extolling the virtues of the city. Proceeds of sales will go to African famine relief (Photograph: Tom Kidd)

Barrister's racism case fails

By Craig Seton

Mr Rudy Narayan, a barrister, has failed in an attempt to sue the Lord Chancellor for racial discrimination.

Mr Narayan, born in Guyana, had claimed at an industrial tribunal that black barristers at Birmingham Crown Court were being paid less than their white counterparts for the same legal work.

He maintained that he had received less money than a white woman barrister who was his junior, and that he had been discriminated against on grounds of race or colour.

Chancellor in court or at chambers in a contract of service.

The tribunal report said it had limited itself to the question of jurisdiction.

It added that discriminatory practices were illegal, and that they were a matter for the Commission for Racial Equality.

Mr Christopher Leonard, the Treasury solicitor, applied for costs against Mr Narayan on the grounds that the barrister had brought his claim "unreasonably". The tribunal rejected his application.

Sentences of four in riots are cut

Three youths convicted for their part in last year's Broadwater Farm riots in Tottenham, north London, during which a policeman died, had their sentences cut by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

But the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, warned: "Those who are proved to be organizers, if detected, which they seldom are, can expect heavy sentences".

He said that organizers of any affray could expect to receive sentences in the range of seven years, and upwards, on top of any other sentences which may be imposed for specific offences such as wounding, theft or burglary.

The more they are shown to have done in promoting the affray, the greater must be their punishment."

Together with Mr Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Rose, the Lord Chief Justice took the view that the five-year sentences passed at the Central Criminal Court last June on Paul Keys, aged 22, from Edmondson, north London, and Lester Sween, aged 18, from Edmondson Green, were, in the circumstances, too long and should be reduced to three-and-a-half years.

The seven-year youth custody sentence passed last month on Mark Macminn, aged 19, was also too long. Four-and-a-half years was the appropriate sentence for his part in the affray, which he had denied, and could be the subject of an appeal against conviction at a later date.

Although Macminn was close to the scene, and was one of the crowd shouting "kill, kill, kill," neither he nor Keys took part in the attack on the PC, the judge said.

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Critic won over by Sellafield

The director of Greenpeace, the environmental group, has praised Sellafield after paying his first visit yesterday to the nuclear reprocessing works in West Cumbria.

Mr George Pritchard admitted that what he had seen, at the invitation of the unions, had "changed my views".

Mr Pritchard, whose group has been among Sellafield's fiercest critics, said there were parts of the old plant that he would still like to see changed, and Greenpeace would be producing a report highlighting their observations, to be passed on to management and unions.

"If changes were made then maybe there is a future for this industry," he said.

A spokesman for British Nuclear Fuels, the state-owned company which runs the plant, said he was delighted that the visit had changed Mr Pritchard's perception of the plant.

A Whitehaven inquest jury decided yesterday that Joseph Russell, aged 74, died from an industrial disease caused by asbestos 10 years after retiring from Sellafield, where he had worked for 16 years.

Two former colleagues told the court that at times Mr Russell's jobs included sweeping up asbestos dust when lagging was renewed on pipes.

A post-mortem examination disclosed that Mr Russell, of Buttermere Avenue, Whitehaven, died from a lung tumour.

Settlement of £750 in race case

A man who was refused a driving job because of his Asian origin has been paid £750 compensation by a taxi firm, the Commission for Racial Equality said yesterday.

The commission said that when Mr Chahir Khan told Mrs Audrey Edmondson, the proprietor of a private hire car firm in Newcastle upon Tyne, of his origin he claimed she said: "I'm really sorry, but I cannot afford to employ coloured people because it affects my business".

Mr Khan, of Sydney Grove, Newcastle, who speaks with a "Geordie" accent, was hurt and annoyed. It was understood two white drivers were subsequently taken on.

A settlement was finalized through ACAS, the conciliation service, when the firm, New Jet, admitted acting unlawfully and promised not to discriminate in future.

Mrs Edmondson agreed to pay £550, representing damages for the injury to Mr Khan's feelings, and £200 compensation for loss of earnings.

School TV series on gays scrapped

By a Staff Reporter

Mrs Mary Whitehouse yesterday welcomed a decision by the BBC to cancel a school programme portraying a homosexual relationship as "a victory for common sense".

Mrs Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, said she had written a letter of protest about the programme to Mr Alasdair Milne, director general of the BBC, after receiving a copy of the script from an anonymous source within the BBC.

Mr Milne had replied that the programmes would treat the subject responsibly, but declined to cancel the series.

Yesterday, a BBC spokeswoman said the decision to scrap the programme had been taken by the controller of educational broadcasting, Mrs Sheila Innes, because of a change in the social climate.

The programmes could no longer be used by teachers in the intended manner, as a starting point for discussion of homosexuality, the spokeswoman said.

The drama, called *Mates*, was described by its producer, Mr Roger Tonge, as a romance. It showed the development of a relationship between two boys, aged 17, who are seen kissing.

The BBC refused yesterday to say how much had been spent on the series, which had been scheduled for broadcast in February.

Mrs Whitehouse has complained in a letter to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, about a case in which magistrates decided that thousands of books seized in Britain's biggest raid were not obscene.

The hearing was held behind closed doors on November 12 by three magistrates sitting at Newham West Court in east London. They were shown 500,000 magazines and thousands more videos and books collected on St Valentine's Day last year in "Operation Sweetheart".

Mrs Whitehouse said she was concerned about the practice, confirmed by a clerk at Newham West Court, whereby if magistrates decide that less than half of a collection of books was obscene the whole lot must be deemed acceptable.

MP given apology by Yard

The police have dropped a prosecution against the Labour MP for Hammersmith North, Mr Clive Soley, and apologized for not informing him more than a year ago.

The MP was taken before West London Magistrates Court in July 1985 for selling copies of the miners' paper in a shopping mall, during the pit strike. The action was brought under a 1916 Act which bans the collection of money and offer for sale of articles in the street. The case was adjourned indefinitely.

Recently Mr Soley demanded that the prosecution go ahead or he be cleared. Scotland Yard said that the case was adjourned because of an appeal in a similar case which was pending, and ultimately successful.

Crash death widow wins £200,000

A widow was awarded damages totalling £200,000 by the High Court yesterday for the death of her husband in a car crash.

Mrs Margaret Steer's husband, Mr Timothy Steer, aged 35, died in hospital three days after his van collided with a lorry on the A41 near Oxford, in February 1985. His three children receive £6,000 each.

Mr Justice Canfield ordered Mr Thomas Wilkins, the lorry driver, and his employers, Connell and Griffin Transport, both of Bicester, to pay damages.

Police name ferry victims

Police have released the names of two women who drowned when their Suzuki jeep plunged into the sea from an Isle of Wight ferry boat ramp on Thursday. They are Mrs Eileen Rose Bond, aged 42, of Church View Road, and Deborah Emmerton, aged 22, of Hospital Bridge Road, both Twickenham, south-west London.

Lead risk for police

Health checks on police firearms instructors at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, show a rise in the lead content in their blood caused by breathing in lead particles after repeated gunfire.

Mr Ian Kane, chief constable, is asking the county council for £50,000 to improve ventilation at the range.

Intruder finds corpse in bed

An intruder who broke into a house in Lisleholme Crescent, West Derby, Liverpool, fled empty-handed after finding the body of an elderly man dead in bed.

A Merseyside police spokesman said that a post-mortem examination disclosed the man had died of natural causes.

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Aquino military demands changes

Manila - General Fidel Ramos, the Philippine Armed Forces Chief of Staff, said yesterday that he has called on President Aquino to replace immediately 'incompetent' members of his Cabinet...

Bata to quit S Africa

Ottawa - Bata, the multinational Canadian-based shoe manufacturer, has decided to pull out of South Africa...

Kremlin still cool

Bonn (Reuter) - West Germany appealed to Moscow for a return to normal relations yesterday as the Kremlin gave a new show of displeasure with Bonn...

Loan for Santiago

Washington - The Executive Board of the World Bank has approved a \$250 million (£177 million) loan to Chile...

Greek plant deal

Athens - The Soviet Union has agreed to buy the full output of an alumina plant to be built near Delphi, clearing the way for a project assailed by environmentalists...

Cyclists in protest

Delhi - Forty cyclists led by a Briton, Mr David Bergman, left here yesterday for Bhopal, 469 miles away...

Abortion reform

Madrid - The Spanish Government approved the text of a decree yesterday which will extend authorization to carry out abortions to private, as well as State-run, medical institutions...

Terrorism haunts Thatcher meeting in France

The spectre of terrorism haunted yesterday's Anglo-French summit meeting in Paris. As Mrs Thatcher flew from London, President Mitterrand was attending the funeral of M Georges Besse...



Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand talking in the gardens of the Elysee Palace yesterday at the start of their meeting.

Panic as PLO fighters push out of Sidon refugee camp

A resurgent PLO fought off Lebanese Muslim militia attacks around the Ein Helwe Palestinian camp in Sidon yesterday, seizing a truckload of weapons from the Shia Amal militia...

'First lady' of Japan upsets status quo

Miss Takako Doi, of the Socialist Party, is the first woman leader of a major political party in Japan. 'Women's aspirations, potential and capabilities have been oppressed...

Two million private-sector jobs in Russia next year

The number of Soviet citizens legally employed in the embryonic private sector is expected to rise from the current official estimate of 1,000 to between two and three million as a result of the new law on individual enterprise...

Hungary shelves leadership change

Budapest (Reuter) - Hungary, the East Bloc's most market-oriented country, is to draft a reform programme to revive its flagging economy but any changes in the Communist Party hierarchy will have to come later...

England in 'needle' chess draw

England, the second seeds, let slip an early 2-0 lead against the Olympic title favourites and tournament leaders, the Soviet Union, in yesterday's needle match...

EEC to sell wheat cheaply

As the EEC farming crisis worsens and budget over-spending on agriculture gets out of control, the European Commission yesterday confirmed that the EEC is to sell 375,000 tonnes of wheat cheaply to Algeria and Egypt...

Credibility is Reagan's new problem

What now? President Reagan, halting and nervous, has given his explanation of why he sent arms to Iran. Congress and the American public is overwhelmingly opposed...

Italy avoids Iran crisis

The menace of an Italian domestic political crisis over President Reagan's arms deal for Iran dissolved overnight. Signor Giuliano Amato, the Under-Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office...

French support for 'single Europe'

Ratification of the European Single Act, which lays down conditions for a true common market in Europe, was approved by the French National Assembly in the early hours of yesterday morning...

Washington View

would be to bring real expertise to the decision-making process and to prevent the NSC's getting carried away with hare-brained schemes that had not first been submitted to rigorous assessment by those with the experience of international and security affairs...

Foreign ministers view farm crisis

From Richard Owen, Brussels. The sale of wheat to Algeria and Egypt will cause further tension between the Community and the US, which claims that EEC subsidies for agricultural exports distort world trade...

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Botha names new envoy to Washington and attacks 'revolting' US

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa announced yesterday the appointment of Dr Piet Koornhof, a former senior Cabinet minister responsible for black affairs, as its Ambassador to Washington. He is expected to take up the post, probably the toughest in South African diplomacy, in the New Year.

The appointment coincided with a scathing attack on the Reagan Administration by President Botha, who accused Washington of behaving in a way that was "revolting and unworthy of a nation such as the United States".

President Botha's remarks, unusually bitter even by South African standards, reflect the low ebb to which Pretoria's relations with Washington have sunk since the imposition by Congress of economic sanctions against this country in October.

The more recent decisions of General Motors, IBM and other American multi-national companies to sell or wind up their operations in South Africa have also helped to fuel the anti-American mood.

Opening a new medical centre in the Cape coastal town of George, Mr Botha said the United States had "declared an economic war

against us for the most absurd and sanctimonious reasons; in so doing, they have yet again taken up the sword against us on behalf of the Soviet Union".

He referred to what he termed the US Government's "insulting plan to send an official to South Africa, ostensibly to investigate health conditions in terms of its anti-South African legislation".

Last Monday, Pretoria announced that it had refused to grant a visa to an American aid official, Miss Christine Babcock, who was to make a report on health conditions and malnutrition in South Africa's tribal homelands.

Article 502 of the Anti-Apartheid Act, which contains the sanctions measures adopted by Congress, calls for such a report to be submitted to the US legislature by December 1.

"The US Government should be under no illusion whatsoever that we will tolerate such blatant hostility and objectionable interference in our domestic affairs, by officially sanctioning an offensive act of this nature," President Botha said.

"If the US Government is really so deeply concerned about the health conditions in Africa, it will find some 50

states to the north of South Africa where it can conduct investigations if its conscience allows, and play a moralistic role where it is much more needed."

The announcement of Dr Koornhof's appointment was preceded by the arrival here of Washington's Ambassador, Mr Edward Perkins, the first black American to hold the post, which is seen as marking the end of the policy of "constructive engagement" and as heralding a return to the tense relations of the Carter era.

Now aged 61, Dr Koornhof was a Rhodes Scholar in the early 1950s, and wrote a doctoral thesis entitled *The Drift from the Reserves among the South African Bantu*, which precisely predicted the inevitability of black urbanization.

When he became a minister, however, Dr Koornhof joined in implementing policies which ignored the findings of his post-graduate research by trying to reverse the movement of blacks to the towns. In 1979, he created a stir in the US by saying that apartheid was the world knew it was "dead or dying". This earned him a reputation as a liberal which his performance in office never justified.



The Pope, escorted by a spear-wielding Fijian warrior, blessing a crowd in Suva yesterday, the latest stop on his six-nation Pacific tour. Earlier he sampled a potent local pepper-plant drink, kava, once described by missionaries as devil worship.

Russians force out 60,000 Afghans

By Nicholas Beeston

The number of Afghan refugees fleeing their country last month quadrupled as a result of a Soviet scorched-earth policy, a British relief worker, who has just returned from the region, said.

Mr Barry Langridge, the Christian Aid project officer for India and Pakistan, who visited Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan earlier this month, said that most families came from Afghanistan's northern provinces where they said

Soviet forces had systematically destroyed crops and other economic targets.

He said official figures for October showed that between 50,000 and 60,000 refugees, half of them children, had entered Pakistan's Baluchistan and North-West Frontier provinces.

He said the refugees spoke of a systematic policy by the Soviet occupation forces of destroying crops, thereby making it impossible for families to survive the winter.

The October refugee figures are four times greater than the previous month. An estimated three million Afghans live in refugee camps in Pakistan and a further 1.5 million in Iran.

ISLAMABAD: The resignation of President Babrak Karmal has removed a symbol of the 1979 Soviet intervention from the public eye days before the arrival of a United Nations mediation mission in Kabul (Reuter reports).

But Western diplomats in Islamabad do not see the move

as signalling any significant change in the government's policies at home or abroad. Mr Karmal's removal from the largely symbolic presidency had been expected almost daily.

The announcement came on Thursday night on Kabul Radio after meetings of the Central Committee of the (communist) People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), and of the parliamentary-style Revolutionary Council.

Thousands flee island volcano eruption

From David Watts Tokyo

Thousands of people were being shuttled to the mainland last night after an erupting volcano threatened their lives on the island of Izu Oshima.

A rescue centre was set up in Tokyo 70 miles away and 13,000 people ordered off the island as two ferries and 29 boats of the Maritime Self-Defence Agency removed families. Lava flowed to within 100 yards of the island's main town, Motomachi, from Mount Mihara and smoke and lava rock were thrown 1,500 ft into the air. It was the worst eruption of the mountain since 1777.

Tokyo television stations cancelled normal programming to carry hours of live coverage of the eruption and rescue because the island was shaken by 70 tremors an hour before the main eruption.

Izu Oshima lies close to the fault line which might cause an earthquake in Tokyo. Responsible government agencies met in emergency session and disaster relief law will be applied.

The mountain had been erupting steadily for the past week but then there was a series of violent explosions and a fissure 200 yards wide opened up. Later another appeared and lava threatened the island's airport.

Austrian election

Socialists may be coalition juniors

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Austrians go to the polls tomorrow in an election which is expected to end 16 years of predominantly socialist government.

It is doubtful, in the tradition of consensus politics in the country, whether it will change much else.

Latest unofficial polls give the opposition People's Party a lead of 2 per cent. But even if the Socialists lose their relative majority they may still find themselves in government, as the junior partner in a coalition with the People's Party.

The election will confront voters with a number of factors new to Austrian politics which

may upset normal predictions. It is the first in which the Freedom Party is engaged as a body with four years of experience in government, albeit as the junior partners of the Socialists.

It is also the first in which the People's Party's somewhat lacklustre leader, Herr Alois Mock, is pitted against a Socialist less charismatic than Dr Bruno Kreisky, who retired after the last general election in 1983.

Moreover the Greens, for the first time, though split into several factions, stand a fair chance of achieving their first representation in the Austrian Parliament.

The irony is that after this summer's change of Cabinet, which replaced the unfortunate Dr Fred Sinowatz with Dr Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Cabinet is looking more impressive than it has done for years.

Dr Vranitzky and Dr Peter Jankowitsch, his Foreign Minister, have in a matter of months instilled a new air of professionalism into a Government which under Dr Sinowatz had become an easy source of ridicule.

This is, however, unlikely to impress voters who, though unwilling to ask for details of any party's programme, nonetheless feel that there is some vague need for change. Quite what it will involve and who is capable of carrying it out remain for most Austrians nebulous concepts.

In a democracy as young as Austria's, where people are used to being administered rather than governed, the voting tomorrow is only the opening salvo in the battle for the composition of the next Cabinet.

Ultimately the character of the next Government will be decided by the party committees who, once the results are announced, will go into private debate next week on the details of any coalition deal.



The two senior poll rivals: Dr Franz Vranitzky, above, and Herr Alois Mock.



Damascus envoy flees prosecutor

Ankara (Reuter) - Mr Muhammad Darwiche Baladi, the second secretary at the Syrian Embassy, left Turkey before a prosecutor could accuse him of involvement in the killing of a Jordanian diplomat, Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday.

A State Security Court prosecutor said Mr Baladi would be one of nine people indicted over the killing of Mr Ziyad al-Sati, the first secretary at the Jordanian Embassy, last year.

Six of the accused are in custody - four Palestinian students, a Turk of Iranian origin and a Jordanian Embassy translator, Mr Adnan Musa Suleiman Ameri. Press reports say that he named Syria as having been involved in the killing.

The indictment is the first official accusation in Turkey of Syrian involvement in Middle East violence, but diplomats say that Ankara is unlikely to take further action against Damascus.

Diplomatic pressure denied: A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Mr Baladi, who is in his early 40s, might have been recalled by the Syrian Government and that Turkey had not exerted diplomatic pressure for him to leave (Rasit Gurdilick writes).

Brain-sale scientist imprisoned

From Roger Boyes East Europe Correspondent

The Hungarian doctor who masterminded a bizarre East-West corruption scandal in which 5,000 human brains were sold illegally to a Western pharmaceutical company has been jailed for three years and eight months, according to official press reports.

The prosecutor in the Szeged provincial court has appealed against the sentence, declaring that the erstwhile deputy head of the local medical academy, Professor Ferenc Laszlo, should also be stripped of his doctor's title.

The case has shocked Hungarians, who regard doctors with huge respect.

Professor Laszlo struck a deal to supply pituitary glands stolen from corpses delivered to the Szeged academy anatomy department to an Italian company and paid laboratory workers to deliver several brains a week.

Over 10 years he managed to dispose of some 5,000 brains, netting at least four million forints (£60,000) which he said had benefited the academy with increased supplies. His Italian customers also covered his costs during trips abroad.

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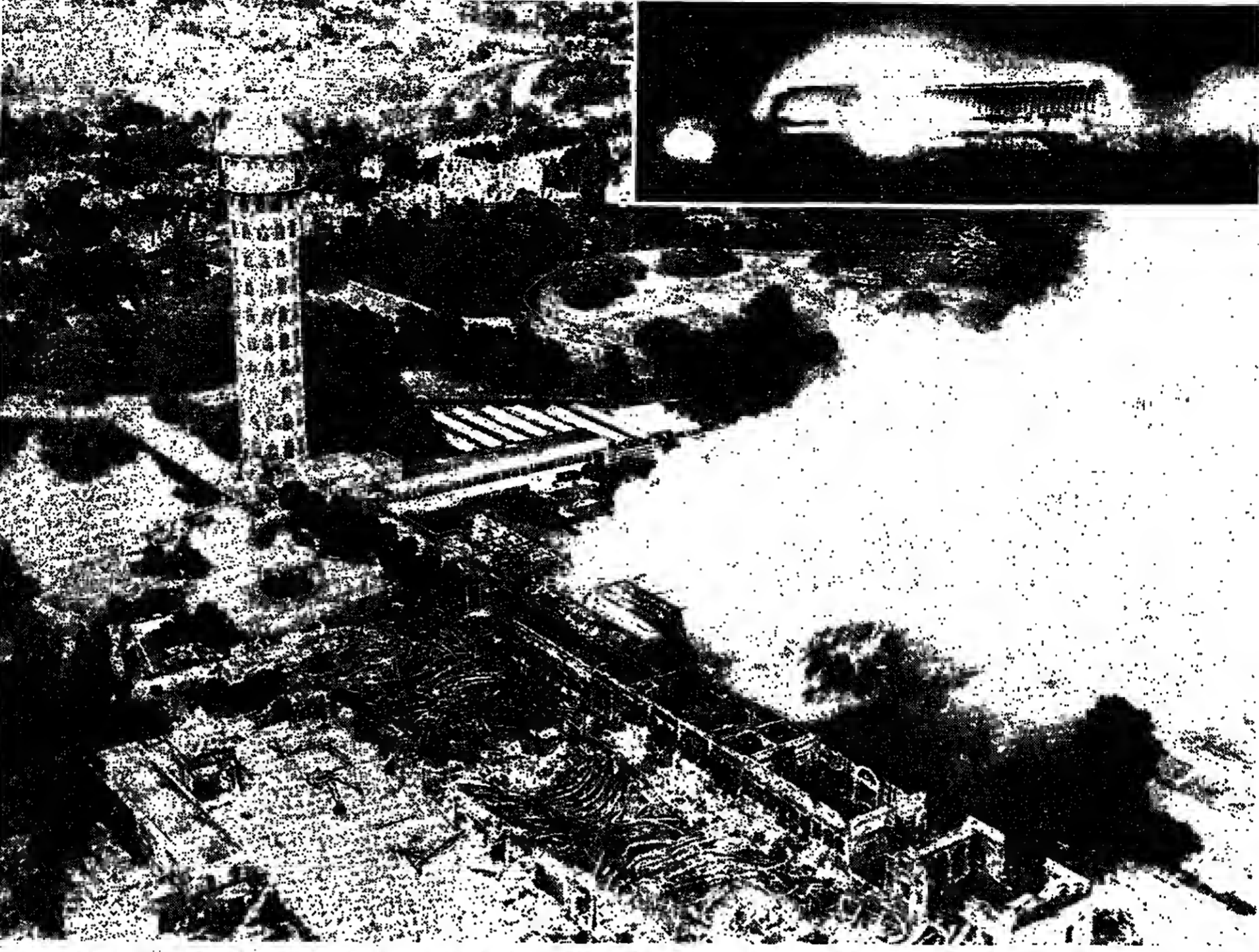
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Staging a Palace revolution

Fifty years ago this month, the Crystal Palace went up in flames. For the young Richard Dimbleby and his sound engineer, it was a chance to make radio history. David Howarth, who was that engineer, tells the story



Crystal blazing: the flaming buildings light up the sky (inset) leaving a scene of smouldering devastation. At the height of the blaze, girders drooped above a river of molten glass

I might have been made for us. The first news came on the agency tapes at about six o'clock, just after the final editions of the evening papers. The story was ours alone until the morning - if we could get it. Few people are blasé enough to resist a good fire, and this was a perfect fire. I couldn't find Richard when the news came in. He was not in Broadcasting House so I left messages for him everywhere, rang the engineer in charge of the mobile recording unit nicknamed the 'laundry van', who simply said, 'We'll be there', and drove off in my Invicta, taking a senior man in News who wanted to come and watch.

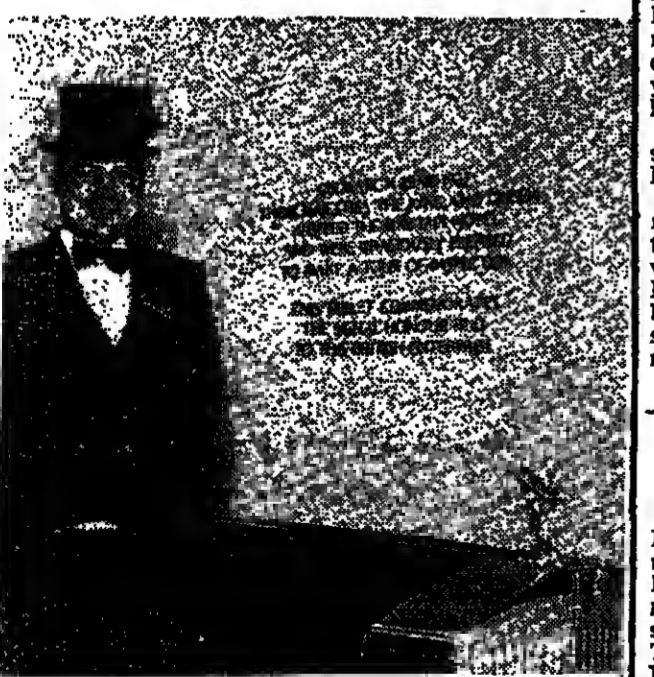
We were bound for Sydenham in south London and the Crystal Palace, which had been moved there from Hyde Park after the Great Exhibition of 1851. Joseph Paxton's dramatic edifice of iron and glass had been one of the wonders of the Victorian age. Now it was ablaze. Richard and I had been thorough. Among other things, we had worked out and explored the quickest ways out of London, at various times of day, to anywhere in the country. There were surprisingly few of them, seven I think, and Sydenham was on one of them. So it was easy. I knew the short cuts. There were police checks where traffic was being diverted, but we had been issued with press passes and we were waved through. As we got closer the streets were full of fire engines all going hell for leather in the same direction and I joined them, flashing through the red traffic lights, a driver's dream. It must have been 6.45pm when I got there and parked the car outside a café in the main road opposite the building, which was already blazing magnificently. The laundry van came in by the same route, attaching itself to the fire brigade. And so did Richard. I don't know how he got there, but there he suddenly was, and I had never been more glad to see him. There were scores of fire engines already and more were coming in all the time, but with his journalistic instinct and skill he almost

instantly found the Commander of the London Fire Brigade himself ('David, his name's Firebrace, isn't life perfect?') - not only found him but insisted he had to take him inside the building and, escorted by that dignity, he vanished through its front gates. I went round the back as a stand-by with a lesser fireman, just in case Richard never came out again - which did not look unlikely. We all knew what to do without telling each other: be ready to record before eight o'clock and get the discs back to Broadcasting House in time for the nine o'clock news. There was a strong wind blowing, in the eddy behind the building there was a space that was reasonably safe: overhead was a vast arch of burning embers. I don't think anyone had thought the Crystal Palace could burn, built as it was of iron and glass, and I still do not know exactly why it did. It may have had a wooden floor, and the iron-work certainly had a century of paint, and there was putty holding the glass. As soon as one end fell in it all made a huge wind-tunnel with a draught through it like a furnace. It was quite impossible to get in from the back, as I had hoped. On that side there was a row of glass corridors leading down to the gardens, and out of each a river of molten glass was flowing, and solidifying like lava when it cooled. Further in, iron girders were drooping, and folding like sticks of spaghetti dipped in a boiling saucepan, and further out, in the garden, the trees were beginning to crackle. I got out again pretty quickly and ran back to the café and the laundry van and there was Richard, deliriously happy, black and minus his eyebrows, scribbling his script. Typically, he knew the whole history of the place by then, its vital statistics, who had designed it and above all what the fire brigade was doing. They had sent out a first-class call, which meant that every fire engine in London was there. I don't think they were trying by then to save the building - that was going to burn itself out. They

were there to save the shops and houses all around. But we did not record. By eight o'clock it was obvious that if we cut discs we could not get them away and back to Broadcasting House in time for the news. It would take all night. To start with, my car and the van were both surrounded by a web of hoses all over the road. Nobody could unravel them, and we certainly could not drive over them. Commander Firebrace was tolerant but he put his foot down at that. Beyond them, the main roads were full of fire engines and policemen and unnecessary ambulances, and the side roads were already black and blocked by crowds of people watching. The answer came to all of us at once. Richard, or it may have been me, timidly asked the senior engineer, 'Could you hook up your amplifiers to a telephone line?' 'Don't see why not,' he said, 'if you'll carry the can. Nothing else for it, is there?' By a stroke of luck, a BBC man much senior to us had turned up to see the fun. He was the respected S. J. de Lotbiniere, head of outside broadcasts. Normally, his outside broadcast lines were corrected and balanced from

ordinary telephone lines. He had no gear with him, and no engineers, but we had. We put it in him. 'Nobody's ever done it, so far as I know,' he said. 'But if there was ever a time to try, it's now. If you need me, I'll share the blame.' So we invaded the café and rang Broadcasting House, and somebody told the Post Office to keep the line open whatever happened. Then the engineers pulled the telephone off the wall and connected the amplifier, mixer and microphone. It was about 8.40pm: 20 minutes to go. The excitement even got to the Control Room at Broadcasting House, normally the most phlegmatic of places, where philosophical calm was the rule. I think someone had rung the chief engineer of the BBC himself. I don't know what he said, but it wasn't 'No'. They could hear us. The quality, they said, was not good, but they supposed we knew what we were doing. One of us had an ordinary radio receiver (it may have belonged to the café) so we could hear our cue, and they must have fixed a long lead on it, because I could hear the programme on headphones. I stood in the open with one microphone for background

sound and Richard with another was in the café doorway where it was quieter. The engineers inside the café were mixing the two. There were several minutes before nine o'clock but we had no time to test anything. It was either going to work triumphantly or fail disastrously. They were hocking every street, crowding every park, standing on roof tops and craning out of upstairs windows. That did not please the police or the fire brigade, but it made a wonderful evening. We did another broadcast that night in the final news at 10.15pm. It could have been second best, but at about 10 o'clock there was a crisis. Richard, of course, was always true to BBC tradition; he never exaggerated, expressed his own opinion, or relied on hearsay. But he was over-averse to drama if it came his way. 'Urgent message from the Chief of the London Fire Brigade,' he began. 'Anerley Hill is dangerous. Anerley Hill is the steep main road running down from the west end of the Palace. There are fears that west tower at the top of the hill may fall. It has a water tank on top with 100,000 gallons of water in it



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In September 1936 something unexpected happened in the BBC. A friend said: 'There's a new man in News.' What he was an understatement. The new man was Richard Dimbleby. A gale of fresh air was about to blow through the news room. A new era in broadcasting was about to begin. He was a year younger than I, 23 when he joined the BBC. He had been a journalist since he left school and was then the editor of The Advertiser's Weekly, the youngest editor, he claimed, in Fleet Street. He had had the nerve to write to the BBC news editor, pointing out that broadcast news was accurate and reliable but deadly dull. Indeed it was. It all came from agencies and always began with the formula 'Here is the news, copyright by Reuters, Press Association and Exchange Telegraph and Central News.' Richard proposed a way of making it more exciting: he would go out and cover the stories himself. At first, he was hampered by the BBC's demands for superb sound quality, demands which could only be satisfied by a seven-ton recording van. And he was obliged to continue recording his reports on to 12-inch wax discs, which then had to be



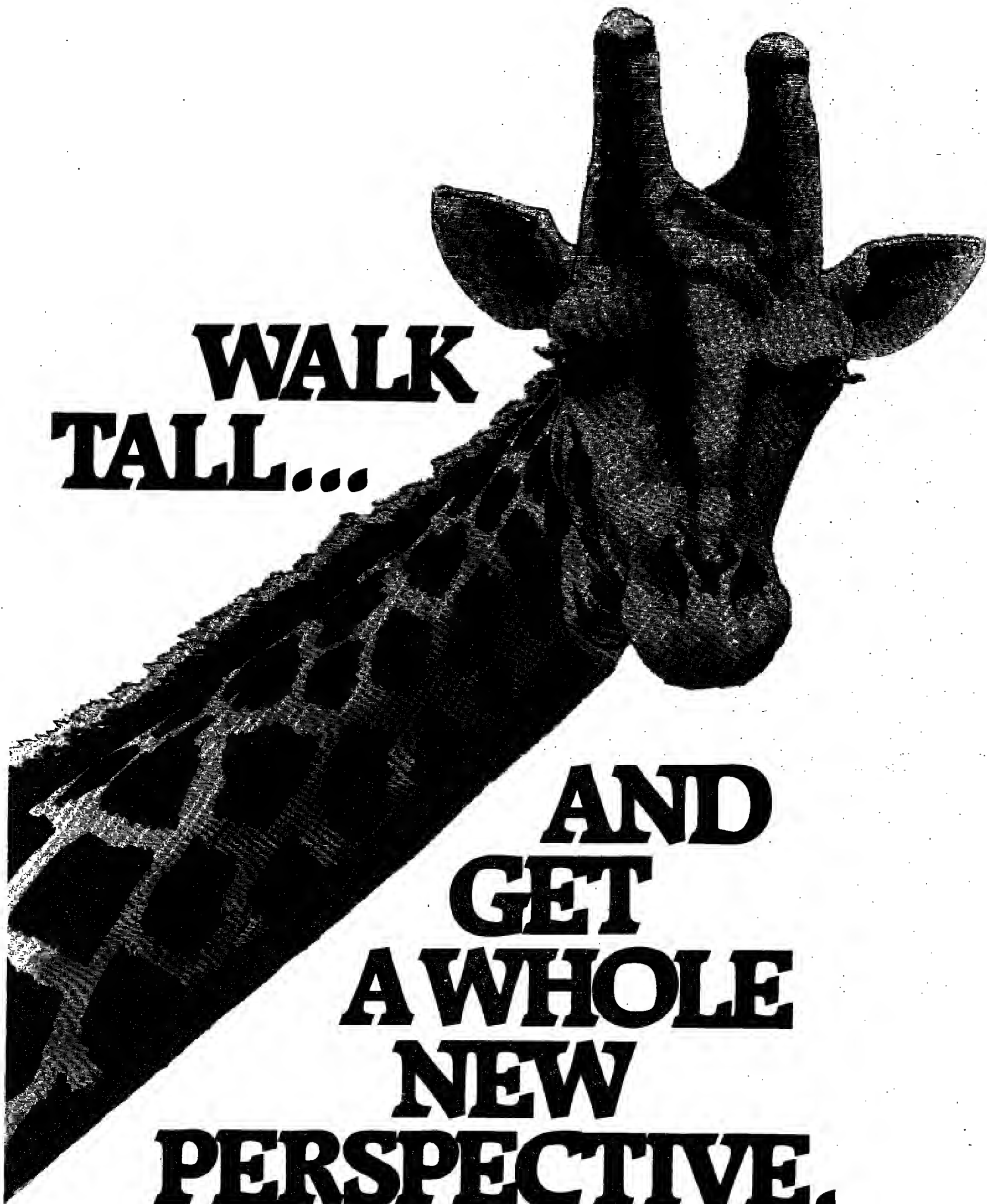
sent back to Broadcasting House or one of the BBC's regional studios. All the same, we managed to cover a surprising amount of news. Very slowly, Richard's ideas of news presentation began to be accepted in the BBC, and listeners liked them as well. We went to ship launches, shipwrecks, mining disasters, floods - the strange sort of things that are counted as news in Fleet Street. I did not always go on his

expeditions. I was second in command of sound recording, which meant I was marginally too senior to disappear without warning. But I was there for what I might call Richard's apotheosis. That was the night the Crystal Palace burned down. It was a breakthrough for radio reporting. From now on the story came first and perfect sound quality second. It was accepted that when something important happened, Richard would be there.

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TRAVEL 1

Wild days and wilder nights, safari-style

In the darkness a yard away from my right ear, an alarm bell exploded. It shattered the croaking, ruffling, chattering rhythm of the African night.

Ronald Faux drifts over the plains and sleeps under canvas, on a luxurious trail for Kenya's abundant animal life

of the animal kingdom; gentle hnsabuck, mean-tempered buffalo and the unprepossessing warthog. The Ark raised the curtain on a spectacular trip to the Masai Mara game reserve arranged by Robin Hurt, whose aim was to provide a safari that was a cut above all others.

Preying and preyed on in well-ordered, totally natural society

loaded with a fridge, tents, tables and a crew of cooks and assistant cooks was already on its way to the Mara. We caught them up at Governor's Camp, travelling there in a Dakota with art deco interior. The pilot was proud of the fact that his aircraft first took to the air half a century ago. "Tremendous machines," he said, giving the compass a thump.

kota flew between air strips, dropping off passengers and cargo, until we reached Governor's Camp.

Charlie McConnell, who was Hurt's man in the bush and an encyclopaedia of knowledge about the surrounding wildlife, drove us to our camp set up in an isolated grove of trees. It was safari in the old style: individual tents each with dressing-room and porch, a comfortable bed, carpet on the floor. Each tent had its own shower; a bucket of hot water suspended in the tree branches above a canvas cubicle. Just pull the chain and scrub until the bucket empties.

Dinner was excellent, served in a mess tent with silver cutlery, candleabra and waiter in evening dress. In all we were extremely comfortable and secure, part of a different age. An armed Masai guarded the camp during the night; even so, we found the fridge door scarred with teeth marks one morning from a hyena which had been trying to get at the food inside.

Driving around the game park over the next five days in our open-topped land cruisers, we saw a wealth of animals. There were prides of lions slumbering and arrogant in the long grass. We interrupted a pair of lions engaged in their lengthy mating ritual; the male looking distinctly heavy-eyed after coupling for the umpteenth time that day. "That's the way with lions," said Charlie. There were animals large, small and tall, preying and preyed-upon in unchanging, well-ordered and totally natural society.

One still dawn we went to nearby Little Governor's Camp, where John Coleman, balloon captain, was directing eight tons of hot air into a canopy the size of a circus tent. The tall lozenge of the Mara Rainbow struggled upright until her brightly-coloured stripes were vertical and eight of us climbed into a large laundry basket. The Captain added a final whiff of hot air that tipped the balance and we left the ground, directed by the faintest breeze, out across the savannah. The basket tumbled the upper branches and we passed silently within two feet of a vulture's nest, the female giving us an evil look as we drifted by.

The zephyr carried us at walking pace over the clumps of trees bordering a swollen river and down to grass-top height the other side. We sailed across the river with the brown waters rushing just beneath us, over the smooth island formed by the back of a hippopotamus. Then, with a roar, Mara Rainbow rose to 1,000 feet, Captain Coleman turned off the burner and we drifted on in silence, the sounds of the plain rising to us, the flat wilderness stretching to every horizon. This was the Mara as seen by an eagle.

The landing was more down-to-earth, everyone crouched in a foetal position in the bottom of the basket as

we touched down. Unfortunately, the ground was covered with nine inches of flood water into which the basket tilted and formed a mighty bow wave. "Not as bad as my last landing into a field that had just been covered in pig slurry," said one passenger stoically. The 90-minute

Crusoe", as one guest called it. The club is a collection of bandas - buildings made entirely of thatch - set beneath a grove of casuarina trees, close to a long sickle of flawless beach beside the Indian Ocean. It is a warm, quiet and a quite extraordinary place.

Vanessa Aniere produces excellent food from the most primitive kitchen, borrowing from an international menu of fried seaweed Japanese-style, pasta served with delicious chilli oil, small sweet pastries called tostades that are a Spanish idea using stale bread. Fresh bread is baked in an old tin trunk sunk in a bed of hot charcoal, and the seafood is rich in variety with a choice of crab or lobster at every meal and the benefit of whatever guests catch on fishing trips from the club, which can range from shark and sailfish to the smaller delicacies yielded by a tropical ocean.

adventure ended on a patch of dry ground where the recovery team produced breakfast and champagne and a red kite gave a superb aerobically display. The tour ended on the Kenya coast, just north of Malindi, where Vaoussa Aniere runs the Club Crusoe, a place of primitive luxury or "five-star Robinson



Lap of luxury: a lioness and her cub pause for refreshment at a muddy water hole

TRAVEL NEWS

Breaks with tradition

Short breaks to seven European cities over Christmas and the New Year are being run by Travelscene. Prices range from £199 for three nights in Luxembourg at Christmas to £395 for a four-night stay in Venice over the New Year. Other cities include Paris, Rome, Vienna, Amsterdam and Madrid, and travel is by scheduled airlines from Heathrow or Gatwick. Accommodation is in four or five-star hotels. Travelscene: 01-935 1025.

Top of the Channel hops

French ports are cashing in on the popularity of pre-Christmas shopping trips by Britons. Dunkirk's Auchan hypermarket is opening every Sunday between now and Christmas and most town-centre shops will also be open on November 30, December 14 and December 21.

The Travel Club of Upminster will again be giving an unconditional guarantee against surcharges in its 1987 summer programme. It has also added a guarantee that it will match any competitor which undercuts its prices on an identical holiday. Information: 040 22 25000.

Ruling the waves again

Cunard is marking the return to service of the QE2 next year, after a six-month refit, with a 10-day return "maiden voyage" from Southampton to New York, departing on April 29. Prices range from £870 to £3,770 and include a sightseeing tour of Manhattan. Cunard: 0703 634166. Philip Ray

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DRINK

Top tipples from a Nouveau riche

British wine shops are bursting with bottles of the 1986 Beaujolais, but does quantity mean quality? Jane MacQuitty reports

This year's Beaujolais Nouveau has a lot to live up to. Last year's superb vintage was voted one of the best by merchants and drinkers alike who sold and drank the region dry.



New bouquet: the top three wines and (from left to right) The Times 1986 Beaujolais Nouveau judges, Robin Young, Jane MacQuitty, David Gleave and Don Hewitson, at the tasting

intoxicating juicy Nouveau flavour? As the results of The Times 1986 Beaujolais Nouveau tasting published below demonstrate, my early fears concerning overproduction and neutrality have proved correct.

Verdict of the judges TOP THREE 1986 Robert Sarraz Beaujolais Nouveau; Europa Food & Wine, £2.99, Curzon Wine Company, 11 Curzon Street, London W1, £3.59; Colchester Wine Warehouse, Cowdray Centre, Colchester, £2.85

1986 Georges Dubouef Beaujolais Nouveau; Europe Food & Wine, £2.99, Le Nez Rouge, 12 Brewery Road, London N7, £2.99; Cullens £3.75

1986 Thorin Beaujolais Nouveau; Peter Dominic, £1.99 This wine had a "light zesty cherry and banana nose backed up by a soft fruity palate" (JMQ). A cheap and cheerful Nouveau for those who don't want to spend more than £2.

1986 Beaujolais Primeur, Celler des Samsons, Oddbins, £2.69 JMQ wasn't keen on this one but the rest of the panel was: DG "good fuller style", RY "cheruby", DH "fruit on nose, fragrant finish"

1986 Beaujolais Primeur, Dufouleur Pere et Fils; Superwines, 209 Kings Road, London SW3, £2.99; Vinegar Joes, 46 Pimlico Road, London SW1, £2.99

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The Asbach Story

It could easily be argued that Ruedesheim is the gateway to that most beautiful part of the River Rhine with its vineyards and castles. What is beyond dispute is that it is the home of that most sought after German Brandy - Asbach Uralt.



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Asprey advertisement for an exhibition of contemporary and antique silversmith class.

Large advertisement for Asbach Uralt brandy featuring a landscape scene and a quote from Baron Philippe de Rothschild.

Advertisement for Inn on the Park, featuring a special Christmas Day lunch for very special people.

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THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Right song and dance

Discontented notes are expected at a stormy AGM of the English Folk Song and Dance Society today.

Stop at red

The self-styled Smallest Theatre in the World is the latest victim of the Chernobyl disaster.

The final bite

Time is running out for the National Portrait Gallery's bid to acquire the adjacent former dental hospital in Leicester Square.



of the six-storey building is next Friday, after which it will go on the market.

There is not much Christmas spirit among the ITV unions.

Smalls talk

Queen Victoria would probably not be amused by an exhibition of holography planned by the V & A in January.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1113

Crossword puzzle grid and clues for Concise Crossword No 1113.

SOLUTION TO NO 1112: ACROSS: 1 Shampoo packet (6) 4 Shred (6) 7 Race programme (4) 8 Violent change (8) 9 Cutlery archipelago (12) 15 Hindu natural law (6) 16 High ground (6) 17 Dressing mirror (7,5) 23 Choke (6) 24 Duty register (4) 25 Rework (6) 26 Wretchedness (6) DOWN: 1 Hit with force (4) 2 Black diamond (9) 3 Durable (5) 4 Pallid (5) 5 Characteristic feature (3) 6 Sycophant (5) 8 Animated corpse (5) 10 Push forward (5) 11 Scatole (9) 12 Branch junction (4) 13 Branch junction (4) 14 Worshipped object (4) 18 Yellow orange (5) 19 Swedish money unit (5) 20 Nick (5) 21 Small beam (5) 22 Risque (4)

REVIEW

The old bull and Bush



Perfect packaging: Kate Bush releases a collection of singles, from debut to current hit

ROCK RECORDS

Kate Bush The Whole Story (EMI KBTV 1A) Madness Ultra Madness (Zarjaz JZLP 2) Various Artists Conspiracy of Hope (Mercury MERRH 93) Supertramp The Autobiography of Supertramp (A&M Tramp 1) Various Artists Hip Hop Electro 15 (Street Sounds ELCS1 15)

Christmas is coming and the charts are already stuffed full of compilations, confirming a familiar pattern of music-business marketing strategy.

Like the rest of us, record companies and rock stars are not averse to earning money for little or no work.

But on a more prosaic level, compilations offer good value for money (all the "best" songs) and, if released at the right moment, may draw the awkwardly-shaped baggage of a lengthy pop career into a tidy package.

Thus it is with Kate Bush, whose album The Whole Story neatly encapsulates her 12 best single releases, including the current hit "Experiment IV".

When "Wattering Heights" soared with such ease to No 1 in the spring of 1978, many observers either imagined or hoped that the success of the pouting 19-year-old girl with the catering-style vocal style and preposterous dance routines would be a short-lived novelty.

Under Madness is the second instalment of hits by the nutty lads from North London, following 1982's Complete Madness, and what is the betting that even now some executive is looking ahead to an eventual double album

JAZZ RECORDS

Gene Harris Trio Plus One (Concord Jazz CJ-303)

Critics paid scant attention to the American pianist Gene Harris in the Sixties, when he was a member of a mildly successful trio called the Three Sounds.

Yet Harris, now in his middle fifties, may soon be in receipt of serious critical recognition for the first time in his career.

Recorded live at a New York club, the album begins

Fireworks display

Authority: Stanley Turrentine audaciously by fading up with Harris and his rhythm section mates, the great bassist, Ray Brown, and the drummer Mickey Roker, already looked into the irresistible strutting groove of the inappropriately titled "Gene's Lament".

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Messiaen: Piano works vol 2 (HM/Unicorn-Kanchana DKP 905) (black disc)

Peter Hill's cycle of the Messiaen piano works looks set to become as much a classic of dedicated virtuosity as Jennifer Bate's display of the organ works for the same recording company.

In this respect Hill's partnership with his Bösendorfer is as complete as Beate's with the organ at Beauvais: he uses its powerful, clear-speaking bass and its smooth or resilient upper textures as so many stops.

The main works here are

Zest for rhythm

Cameloyday and the Quatre études de rythme, both dating from 1949-50, when Messiaen's music - was at its most abstract and speculative.

BRIDGE

At the bridge table, the old saying nil desperandum has a particular application for the defence.

Est won with the Ace of diamonds, and returned a diamond. Looking at all four

White: Karpov. Black: Beliavsky. November 1986, Queen's Gambit Declined.

White needs to regroup this Knight for his Queen's side offensive, but now the Black Knight can seize an aggressive post at h4, permanently menacing White's King.

Overlooking Black's threat, He must play 25 f4 followed by Q2 to safeguard his King.

Scattering the fortifications around White's King.

Now Black carries out the executioner's stroke.

If 32 dxc5 d4 discovered check wins.

The final indignity. If 36 Rxe2 Nxe2+

White resigns One of the worst defeats of Karpov's career. Raymond Keene

Drawn by a life of ritual self-sacrifice

PAPERBACKS

Against All Reason by Geoffrey Moorhouse (Spectra, £4.95)

The monastic life is never easy. Every day one or other of the brethren was led into choir with a rope round his neck, was spat upon and walked over by the rest of the community as he lay prone in the sanctuary, and had to beg for his food until it was another person's turn the next day.

"We never allowed ourselves to think," recalled Father Ignatius of his community, whose principles were scarcely hedonistic.

Geoffrey Moorhouse thinks long and hard in Against All Reason, pondering the monastery's history and paradoxical appeal with a critical eye. And with scrupulous sympathy, he surveys the religious life in all its forms: monks, friars, nuns, brothers, sisters - those who live in communities and vow to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience (one and a quarter million people today).

A central question intrigues him. Exclusion or participation. Traditional monasticism meant a life remote from the world's business. Another kind follows Christ's injunction to mix with the lost sheep.

Crime and passion

BOOKS IN BRIEF

A Taste for Death by P.D. James (Faber, £5.95)

This is a typically English detective story. It is not exactly in the country house tradition, as it is set chiefly in Notting Hill and Harrow Road, but it hinges on wealth and class, and the detective is cool in the manner of Margery Allingham's Campion. As a thriller it is rather dull.

The Hard Life by Flann O'Brien (Grafton, £4.95)

This is traditional Irish comedy. Flann O'Brien is inventive, his storytelling is swift and sure, making the eccentric seem natural and the commonplace hilarious.

He revels in circular argument, in extravagant statement. His whole life, in fact, is a celebration of the glory of talk. The whole novel is like a sort of party - a boisterous one at which a lot of Irishmen meet fortuitously and rejoice in their wit.

The Black House by Paul Theroux (Penguin, £2.50)

Even Dorset village life may

Anne Barnes

La Musique advertisement featuring a cartoon of a man with a large musical staff and the text 'Cool jazz with a cool drink in the Burlington Bar from the keyboard of James McKissic the celebrated American pianist.'

Even Dorset village life may

CHESS

After his defeat in the world title match, Karpov bravely resolved to plunge at once into the thick of tournament fray.

Karpov has always been remarkably successful when he has competed at Tilburg, but this year the line-up was exceptionally formidable.

The nature of the test was heightened by the fact that each player would have to face his rivals twice.

As it was, Karpov's bold bid to regain his prestige and restore his shattered confidence went badly awry.

This result does not augur well for Karpov's qualifying match with Sokolov next year, but to my view Karpov must still be the clear favourite. Karpov's one loss at Tilburg was to his compatriot, the ferocious Alexander Beliavsky.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards in each hand and the trick sequence.

Opening lead Q3 hands it is easy to see that a club switch would have been the killer.

White: Karpov. Black: Beliavsky. November 1986, Queen's Gambit Declined.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



ROCK MIXED BAG: Elvis Costello, who declared recently, 'I have no position in pop now, I resigned by post', has promised an extraordinary week of events...



TELEVISION BOOKMARK: Michael Wood of the unbelted shirt, tight jeans and portentous voice sets off on another foray into the past in Domesday...



FILMS REEL LIFE: Erich von Stroheim undertook his boldest experiment in ruthless realism with Greed, a huge film of Frank Norris's novel...



THEATRE SOFT SELL: David Threlfall has been giving one of the television performances of the year as the odious Tory MP, Leslie Timmuss...



CONCERTS GOLDEN BOY: Mikhail Petrev, gold medalist and first prize winner of the 1978 Moscow International Tchaikovsky Competition...



OPERA MOZART MAGIC: Karita Mattila, one of the up and coming generation of Scandinavian singers, takes the part of Pamina in Wednesday's revival of The Magic Flute...

THEATRE OPENINGS

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS: Michael Rudman's National Theatre production of the semi-autobiographical Neil Simon comedy...

RADIO

ON MAY DAY: Play about the Chernobyl disaster by the actor Paul Copley, who was in Spanish Harlem, with salsa singer Rubén Blades...

FILMS

THE LOUD AWAKENER: Patrick Malahide as the 18th-century churchman George Whitefield, famous for his open-air sermons to 23,000 people...

THEATRE

MAY WE BORROW YOUR HUSBAND?: Graham Greene story of five people staying at a French hotel, dramatized by and starring, Dirk Bogarde...

CONCERTS

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Another new Carmen: this time David Fountaine offers his ideas in a production designed by Maria Ekman...

OPERA

JAZZ PAUL MOTTAN: Once known for his outstanding drumming with the late Bill Evans's finest group, Motian now leads his own trio...

ROCK

SUZANNE VEGA: End of the first British tour by the Greenwich Village folkie with a Mariene Dietrich fixation...

DANCE

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE: Theatre continues its London season with the premiere (Tuesday) of a new work by Slobhan Davies...

OUT OF TOWN

BROMLEY: The Prisoner of Zenda: Christopher Timothy, Judy Buxton, Donald Burton, Terence Longdon...

PHOTOGRAPHY

LEE MILLER: The life in pictures of the remarkable Lee Miller, whose career spanned a large part of this century...

TELEVISION

THE TRIAL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD: Yet another attempt to arrive at the truth of the Kennedy assassination...

CONCERTS

CARDIFF NEW OPERA GROUP: Their tour of Britain's Turn of the Screw continues tonight at Aberystwyth...

OPERA

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: In Bristol this week and next, with a full package from their autumn tour...

FILMS ON TV

JOHN TAYLOR: Featuring the trumpet of Kenny Wheeler, Taylor's rarely heard sextet is an outstanding unit...

ROCK

CLARK GABLE AND JEAN HARLOW: Clark Gable and Jean Harlow locked in passionate embrace in Victor Fleming's 1932 sizzler Red Dust...

BOOKINGS

NEW YEAR GALA CONCERTS: Booking for Tchaikovsky concert (Dec 25) with Allen Schiller as soloist...

SELECTED

VANESSA REDGRAVE: Vanessa Redgrave attracted a host of bouquets when she opened at the Young Vic last month in Ibsen's Ghosts...

GALLERIES

PORTRAITS: The second in the series of three Arts Council shows called 'Looking into Portraits' has portrait painting as its subject...

Times GENERAL STRIKE TO-DAY News flash: city worker eats his breakfast as he roller skates to the office in May 1926



CONCERTS

ALL BEETHOVEN: Mariss Jansons conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphony No 8 and, with the addition of the Philharmonia Chorus...

Nine days that split the nation

When the General Strike was called in May 1926, the better-off middle and upper classes of Britain were convinced that the Red Revolution had come...

CONCERTS

ALL BEETHOVEN: Mariss Jansons conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphony No 8 and, with the addition of the Philharmonia Chorus...

FILMS

ROUND MIDNIGHT (15): Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians, set in Paris during the 1950s...

SELECTED

RODIN: Major show exploring the close relationship between the old master Auguste Rodin's drawings and his sculpture...

BOOKINGS

FOR TICKET AVAILABILITY, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper...

ENTERTAINMENTS

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Programme for Royal Philharmonic Orchestra including Royal Festival Hall and Wigmore Hall.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Programme for Royal Albert Hall including Royal Choral Society, Carol Concerts, and John Eliot Gardiner.

BARBICAN HALL

Programme for Barbican Hall including London Symphony Orchestra and John Lill.

FAIRFIELD HALL CROYDON

Programme for Fairfield Hall Croydon including Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

THE MIKADO

Advertisement for The Mikado at Barbican Hall.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Programme for Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Barbican Hall.

Steve Ross

Advertisement for Steve Ross at the Ritz.

CONCERTS

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THEATRES

Advertisement for various theatres including The Phoenix and The Phoenix Theatre.

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Programme for Music from Spain at Barbican Hall.

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Programme for The Glory of Christmas at Barbican Hall.

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Programme for John Williams' Christmas Collection at Barbican Hall.

JAMES GALWAY'S CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Programme for James Galway's Christmas Collection at Barbican Hall.

THE SNOWMAN

Programme for The Snowman at Barbican Hall.

BEETHOVEN

Programme for Beethoven at Barbican Hall.

WREN OF LONDON

Programme for Wren of London at Barbican Hall.

MOZART

Programme for Mozart at Barbican Hall.

HAYDN NELSON MASS

Programme for Haydn Nelson Mass at Barbican Hall.

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents

NEW YEAR GALA CONCERTS

Programme for New Year Gala Concerts at Royal Albert Hall.

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Programme for Schubertiad at Royal Albert Hall.

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Advertisement for La Cape aux Folles.

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SPORTS DIARY Frances Edmonds in Australia

Test Match Special

After England's comeback win over Australia in Brisbane, I was looking forward to reporting the victory speech by captain Mike Gatting...

Watching the after-match pavilion celebration in Cinderella-exclusion over the picket fence, I noted the absence from the champagne jollity of two Pom cricket correspondents...

Due reward

Before the first Test I ventured to suggest to the England team's disciplinary assistant manager, Micky Stewart, that he should scrap the traditional pre-match team talk...

Little wonder

Few people are upset that the Test players' "dwarf-tossing" competition has been cancelled after protests by the Little People of Australia Association...

Bounced out

I must leap to the defence of Middlesex and former England Test bowler Norman Cowans, who is being sued by the Brisbane cricket club...

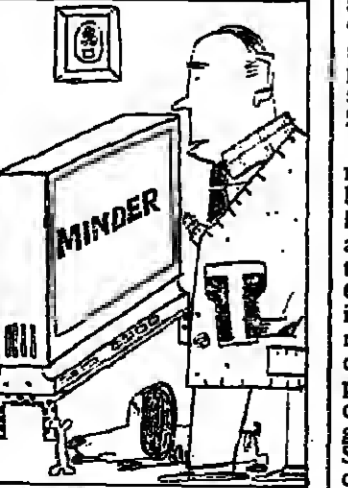
Pious hope

Perhaps Pope John Paul II should make a detour after his visit to the Melbourne Cricket Ground later this month...

Latin leeway

Everyone in Fremantle, battling away for the America's Cup, finds the Italian syndicate led by Aldo Miglicaccio molto simpatico...

BARRY FANTONI



'It's not sure - I think it's the new Christmas card. Don't drink and drive campaign'

Kenneth Minogue opposes the campaign against 'reckless' lending

Like most readers of The Times I have endless credit thrust upon me. Banks, credit cards, department stores, even the AA units in offering me apparently limitless cash...

Occasionally, however, I glance at the press, and it makes me cringe: naked appeals to the more infantile impulses to grasp whatever one might think of desiring...

Some people have taken the first step towards doing something about it. They have invented the concept of "reckless lending" by those negligent in considering the borrower's circumstances...

The short shelf-life of many leaders must dispose them to favour borrowing as an easy way out of trouble; tomorrow's problems are less more manageable than today's...

It was an observation of Lord Melbourne's that nothing so thoroughly frightened him as the phrase "something must be done". In so vague a state of mind, he thought, people usually did foolish things...

Yet in sticking firmly to the conviction that every citizen is fully responsible for his or her own actions, we may be putting at risk the very moral standards we seek to sustain...

One such judgement is that certain speeches or actions to which exception may be taken are



Don't deny us our freedom to be foolish

tures of reality which exhibit the evil, organize a pressure group, and legislation will eventually follow. This activity, occasionally genuinely needed, is effective because it reveals something important about contemporary life...

There's no doubt, then, that the regulator who wishes something done about this evil has truth and reality on his side, because there is obviously a great deal of incompetent self-management about...

provocative". Now the idea of provocation is indeed a useful one in considering what might mitigate the punishment of criminal acts done under intolerable strain...

Sometimes the very practices of modern society are thought to constitute an impossible temptation. To "reckless lending" there corresponds the reckless dressing of attractive women wearing miniskirts and flaunting décolletage...

by separating the sexes and garbing women up to the eyeballs; our Western custom has been to rely upon male self-control...

"Recklessness" in these arguments is thus one face of the other side of the coin of freedom: not, indeed, a very attractive face, but one we had better reckon with until we are translated to angelhood...

Beyond a certain point, protecting people by regulating things construed as evil enfeebles. The idea that offering temptation to our fellow citizens is reckless is, then, one for which a strong case can be made...

Kenneth Minogue, Professor of Political Science at the London School of Economics, is presenting The New Enlightenment on Channel 4 (Wednesdays, 8.30).

Peter Brimelow

On the inside looking down

New York The English sing in pubs, the Irish sing at wakes - and the Jews sing at the SEC (Securities & Exchange Commission)...

It is tempting to see this alertness to the ethnicity of those "helping" the police with their inquiries as evidence of crude prejudice pervading American life...

Strictly speaking, insider trading is the buying or selling of a stock by those with privileged information about it. They might be directors or officers in the company, or particularly large shareholders...

The current insider imbroglio has centred (up to now) on the activities of "risk arbitrageurs" - speculators who specialize in accumulating shares of companies threatened by takeover bids...

For example, Ivan F. Boesky, whose reputation by the SEC caused this latest splash, was the son of an immigrant delicatessen owner in Detroit. He graduated from the obscure Detroit College of Law and came to New York because no big Detroit law firm would hire him...

prevailing in the market. This may be inconvenient for company managers, but it's not the company managers who own the stock. And from an economic standpoint - whatever the objections raised in an article on this page yesterday - takeovers are a way in which capital is shifted out of unprofitable and into profitable areas...

The restrictions on insider trading reflect a fundamentally non-economic theory of information. In the grossly idealized case above, for example, critics would argue that SEC regulation has reduced the incentive for investors both to find out about firms and to sound the alarm by selling stock...

The author is a senior editor of Forbes Magazine.

Clive Aslet charts the blundering record of the government's heritage guardians

A listed quango due for chop



Consultant architect William Whitfield with a model of the Richmond Terrace project: a grand design flawed by PSA interior destruction

British Museum. Emergency repairs are sporadically carried out but no overall strategy has been devised to rescue the surviving buildings...

When it came to extending and modernizing the hospital, the PSA and its architects had the unappealing idea of building a new wing right across the mouth of the courtyard...

Second World War by, among others, Lord Mountbatten as Officer-in-Chief Special Operations. But after 1945 it was blighted by government indecision and left to decay until a campaign by the national conservation societies forced an inquiry in 1972...

Clive Aslet is architectural editor of Country Life.

Philip Howard

Overwhelmed by history

How does one write history these days? It was so much easier when the world was simpler. And Belshazzar died, and Jobah the son of Zerub...

In the days when history was supposed to run on royal railway lines, as in Sellar and Yeatman, it was simplified into Good Things and Bad Things. Alfred had a very interesting wife called Lady Windermer...

It is out that history is not being written. More of it pours off the academic presses in a year than used to be published in a century. One trouble with history today is that it has become increasingly specialized and esoteric for the general reader...

International politics and economics are vital, no doubt. But they are hard to turn into compulsive reading. And that is why people who used to read history have turned to the comparatively new literary genres of biography and historical fiction...

who certainly have been in their bonnets and a Procrustean attitude to their material, unreadable? But the principal trouble with trying to write history today is that there is too much of it. The world is no longer run by a handful of rulers in Western Europe...



Chris Wormell

This confusion about what is important in the long eye of history also affects us hod-carriers of history, the journales. The Times is supposed to be the paper of record, but which of our records will be considered significant by a historian in a century's time?

When a few books for the intelligent general reader in the desert that stretches between romances for visitors to Madame Tussauds and academic works for the specialist. Are there any? Another trouble is that prosopography and the other modern historiographic techniques, intended to make history more scientific, tend to make dry reading, except from the pen of a genius like Ronnie Syme or Braudel...



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 21: By command of The Queen, Colonel Andrew Martin (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire) was present at Royal Air Force Cottingham this morning upon the arrival of the President of the Italian Republic and accompanied His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty's...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.G.B. Bartley and Miss D.E. Oliver The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.A.S. Bartley, of Dartmouth, Devon, and Diana, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs M.F. Oliver, of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada...

Receptions

HM Government Mr Ian Lang, Minister for Industry and Home Affairs at the Scottish Office, visited yesterday at the Council House, Edinburgh, to mark Energy Efficiency Year...

Service dinners

Rear-Admiral J.P. Edwards presided at the annual dinner of the Midland Naval Officers' Association held last night at the Council House, Birmingham...

Moreton Hall

The Old Moretonians' Association reunion cocktail party will be held at International House, 5, Katharine's Way, Lower Bridge Approach, London, today from 6.30 to 8.30pm.

Memorial services

Air Vice-Marshal D.C.T. Bennett A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Vice-Marshal D.C.T. Bennett was held yesterday at St Clement's, The Strand, the Rev R.N. Kenward officiating, assisted by the Rev C.J. Harris and the Rev T.J. Thomas...

Derek Hayward Man blinded by choice

God does not exist - He is existence - and this is no mere quibbling with words but a very important distinction. To say that God exists is to make him an object like all the other objects which exist, whether they be minute like the electron or unimaginably large like the Universe.

The Hebrews knew this, which is why they called him the "I am" and why his name Yahweh (however one likes to transliterate it in the Roman alphabet) is from the root Yahah meaning "to be" or "to make to be", depending on the initial guttural which is almost identical in appearance in Hebrew.

If God is existence then to say that you do not believe in him is nonsense; you exist and you cannot deny that. What you are saying is that you do not think that existence - the world as you experience it - is of a particular sort, and because, on the whole, it is people from Christian cultures who claim to be atheists, what they are denying is that the picture of the world as the Christian church has traditionally presented it is a true picture; that is, they do not recognize it as one which tallies with their experience.

I believe that this denial is very important and one which the church has not taken seriously enough, being usually just content to assert that "God exists and Jesus Christ is his Son", whatever that means to the unbeliever. We should rather recognize that we cannot know God in any direct way; "No man has seen God at any time".

cannot know God in any direct way; "No man has seen God at any time". We can only infer his nature from what we see of him in his creation, that is, in the world as we experience it and as it is revealed to us by modern science.

The church must be able to substantiate the assertion that God is love and if we are unable to do so in consonance with love, then we are going to have considerable difficulty in upholding our claim, let alone going on to show that Jesus Christ is the Son of this loving God, whatever we mean by that. Of course we know, or we think we do, what we mean, but it is not always entirely clear to the outsider.

At first sight it looks as though we may have some trouble, at earth-level "nature red in tooth and claw" does not obviously speak of a loving God, nor does cancer, and nor, at another level, do the quassars and black holes, or the unimaginably large spaces of the Universe. Indeed, we might be tempted when we look at them to agree with Sir James Jeans that God must be a higher mathematician rather than the loving personal God that Christians claim.

Personally I do not think the task is hopeless, but we must define clearly what we mean by love, perhaps the most misused word in the English language. If by love we mean the protective, compassionate love that we receive as children from our parents, or give as

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Derek Spencer, QC, MP, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP. Mr Michael Stern, MP, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of State at the Treasury, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP.

Marriages

Mr A.J. Frowd and Miss V. Ba The marriage took place on Saturday, November 1, at Bobo-Doulasso City Hall, Burkina Faso, of Dr Andrew Frowd, son of the late Dr Bryan Frowd and Mrs D. Frowd, and Miss Yvonne Ba.

Latest wills

Mr Geoffrey Charles Rowett, of Bath, director and general manager of Times Newspapers, 190, Tottenham Court Road, London, 72, left estate valued £142,590 net.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Boris Becker, 19; Mr Jon Cleary, 69; Mr Tom Conti, 44; the Hon Sir Frank Gyles, 84; Mr Terry Gilliam, 46; Sir Peter Hall, 56; Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, 69; Mr R. P. R. Liffitt, 42; Mrs Billie Jean King, 42; Professor K. B. S. Smedley, 89; Mrs Pat Kocoulin, 71; Colonel A. M. Gilmore, 70; Mr Michael Gough, 69; Professor C. J. Hanson, QC, 81; Sir John Hermon, 58; Mr Lew Hoad, 52; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, 54; Mr Christopher Logg, 60; Mr Maurice Lush, 90; Miss Diana Quick, 40; Sir Peter Saunders, 75; Sir Peter Strawson, 67.

Inner Temple

Mr Stephen Lewis Langdon and Mr Olafunji Sowande have been elected Senior Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Middle Temple

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, of the United States, has been elected an honorary master of the bench.



The Rev Eifed Hughes inspecting a new mosaic outside St Peter's Church, Pentre, Mid Glamorgan, which is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff tomorrow. The ceremony is the climax of the £150,000 restoration of the church, which is known as "the cathedral of the Rhondda". The mosaic was designed by Anthony Noble, of Cardiff.

Science report

New hope on transplants

Doctors at the Necker hospital for sick children in Paris have devised a new way of preventing the rejection of bone marrow transplants, when treating leukaemia in children. There are about 1,000 new cases each year in Britain. The only treatment, together with drug or radiation therapy, is the transplant of bone marrow tissue from a donor.

Northern Ireland gallantry awards

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire: Major R. W. M. Baker, UDR, WO 2 in the Royal Ulster Rifles; Major M. M. Bennett, UDR, WO 2 in the Royal Ulster Rifles; Major M. J. O'Sullivan, UDR, WO 2 in the Royal Ulster Rifles; Major M. J. O'Sullivan, UDR, WO 2 in the Royal Ulster Rifles; Major M. J. O'Sullivan, UDR, WO 2 in the Royal Ulster Rifles...

OBITUARY MR DON JAMIESON Newfoundlander turned Canadian

Mr Don Jamieson, who died on November 19 at the age of 65, was the most important Canadian politician to emerge from the province of Newfoundland. He began his career as a bellhop at the Newfoundland Hotel in St John's and ended it as Canadian High Commissioner in London.

MR THOMAS HOWIE

Mr Thomas Howie, Principal of Paisley College of Technology since 1972, and a man of international repute in the field of technical education, died on November 17 at the age of 60. Thomas McIntyre Howie was born on April 21, 1926, and educated at Renfrew High and Campbell Secondary schools before going on to Paisley Technical College, and what is now Strathclyde University, where he took an external London degree in engineering.

DR H.G. ALEXANDER

Dr Heinz Gustav Alexander, a distinguished German newspaper correspondent in London for nearly 40 years, and president of the Foreign Press Association (1969-1971) died on November 19 at the age of 72. He was born in Berlin on March 31, 1914, and educated in Berlin and Hamburg. Forced to emigrate in 1933 he found refuge in Czechoslovakia where he studied law at the German university in Prague. He obtained his doctorate in 1938.

MR HERBERT ECKSTEIN

Mr Herbert Eckstein, FRCS, formerly consultant paediatric surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, died on November 5. He was born into a distinguished medical family, his father and grandfather having been professors of paediatrics at Disseldorf.

MAJOR D. H. HAWES

Major Derek Harrington Hawes, who died on November 7, had a distinguished and varied career in India up to 1947 and later in hospital and health services management. Born on May 2, 1907, he went via Wellington College and Sandhurst into the Indian Army, and spent seven years with the 14th Punjab Regiment.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

Births: ASKEW, On November 14th, to Lucy (nee Henderson) and Paul, a daughter, Mary Cheryll, a sister for...

Deaths: ALEXANDER, On November 19th, Henry Oswald, after a long illness...

Deaths: BLACKBURN, On November 19th, the late Mrs. Margaret, nee Deary...

Services tomorrow

St. Martin's Church, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Dunstons Church, St. Andrew's Church, St. George's Church, St. John's Church...

All Hallows by the Tower: 11 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM...

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: My best friend has just announced that he has moved to another home...

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SE rules out a ban on acting for Boesky

By Lawrence Lever The Stock Exchange yesterday decided against banning its members from dealing for Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American financier.

Congress attacks deal by the SEC

From Bailey Morris, Washington Congressmen, angered by reports that Mr Ivan Boesky was allowed to profit last week on information about his own case, said yesterday they would hold hearings in January on the deal he negotiated with the United States government.



Sir Denis Rooke: 'looking forward to the new challenges'

Rooke confident of £5.6 billion company launch

British Gas to go public at 135p per share

British Gas shares were yesterday priced at 135p each, valuing the company at £5.6 billion. By 3pm, underwriting of the share issue had been completed.

Half-time profits treble at NMC

NMC Investments, the revitalized packaging group in which the Saatchi brothers have a 28.6 per cent stake, yesterday announced that half-year pretax profits had jumped from £223,000 to £759,000.

Lawson lifts pound to strong recovery

The pound recovered strongly yesterday after the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, repeated his reluctance, in the Commons this week, to see it fall further.

Hollis set to raise bid for AE

Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis Group is ready to raise the terms of its cash alternative offer for AE, the engineering group, from 260p to 280p per share.

Ocean Transport wins its takeover battle

Ocean Transport and Trading, the shipping, freight and distribution group, has escaped the clutches of Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, whose final £306 million takeover bid fell far short of success last night.

Dull start for Virgin shares

Shares in Mr Richard Branson's Virgin Group made a disappointing market debut yesterday.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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Panel date for Opax

The takeover panel yesterday confirmed there would be a full panel meeting on Monday to consider the appeal by Datafin and the independent directors of McCorquodale against the executive's ruling that Norton Opax had won the bid for McCorquodale.

Geest 30 times subscribed

The offer of shares in Geest was subscribed 30 times, with 110,000 applications received.

Rothmans up

Pretax profits at Rothmans International, the cigarette and brewing group, rose from £58.8 million to £73.8 million in the six months to September 30 on turnover down from £744.8 million to £725.5 million.

Rover tender

The Rover Group is inviting tenders for the purchase of its Llanelli radiators operation, a supplier of radiators, heat exchange equipment and seat frames.

Shanghai rush

Peking (Reuters) - Thousands of Shanghai citizens lined up to buy 27 million yuan (£5 million) worth of bonds on their first day of issue, an official newspaper reported.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 1871.77 (+11.11) Tokyo Nikkei 17489.58 (+186.02) Hong Kong Hang Seng 2278.98 (+28.03) Singapore SMI 283.0 (+2.3) Sydney AO 1346.1 (+15.2) Frankfurt DAX 2013.9 (+26.7) Brussels CAC 3855.37 (+4.08) Paris CAC 388.2 (+0.5) Zurich SKA Gen 593.10 (+9.50) London FT A N/A FT Gite 81.00 (+0.52) Closing prices Page 29

1,200 jobs to go at Blue Circle

Britain's biggest cement manufacturer, Blue Circle Industries, confirmed yesterday that it is to reduce its British workforce by 1,200 during 1987. And there will be more redundancies in 1988.

LCAH £7.4m rights issue

London and Continental Advertising Holdings' shareholders yesterday narrowly approved a £7.4 million rights issue, which gave a 29.9 per cent stake and management control to Piccadilly House, an investment group.

PEPs. Listen before you leap.

Advertisement for Fidelity Unit Trust Managers of the Year 1986. Includes a cassette tape image and contact information for Fidelity Investment Services Limited.

Saint-Gobain sale likely to raise £924m

Paris (AP-Dow Jones) - Shares in Saint-Gobain SA, France's state-controlled glass and building materials group, will be sold to the private sector from November 24 to Fr310 (£32.91) a share, the economics ministry announced yesterday.

Courtaulds in £28m bid for Fothergill

Courtaulds, the textiles, chemicals and industrial products group, has launched a £28.2 million cash bid for Fothergill & Harvey, which makes advanced materials, coated and uncoated engineering fabrics and electrical insulation.

Nigeria and banks in £1.5bn debt pact

Nigeria has agreed terms with its main creditor banks on a debt rescheduling agreement. The agreement - to reschedule \$1.5 billion of debt due by the end of 1987 - is to be sent to all Nigeria's creditor banks which negotiated the rescheduling.

Heath shareholders back Fielding buy

C E Heath shareholders yesterday backed their board and voted for the £71 million acquisition of Fielding Insurance by a majority of almost two to one.

Blue chips lead share advance

New York (Reuters) - Share prices moved higher in early trading yesterday as the trend towards more fundamentally sound issues, particularly blue chips, continued.

WALL STREET table with columns for Nov 20, Nov 19, Nov 18, Nov 17, Nov 16, Nov 15, Nov 14, Nov 13, Nov 12, Nov 11, Nov 10, Nov 9, Nov 8, Nov 7, Nov 6, Nov 5, Nov 4, Nov 3, Nov 2, Nov 1. Includes sub-sections for Blue Chips, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Canadian Prices.

BROWN SHIPLEY HOLDINGS: Interim dividend 3.75p (3.5p). AMBRIT INTERNATIONAL AL through Ambrint Development Corporation, a newly formed American subsidiary, has established a joint venture with Ridge Transportation Corp.

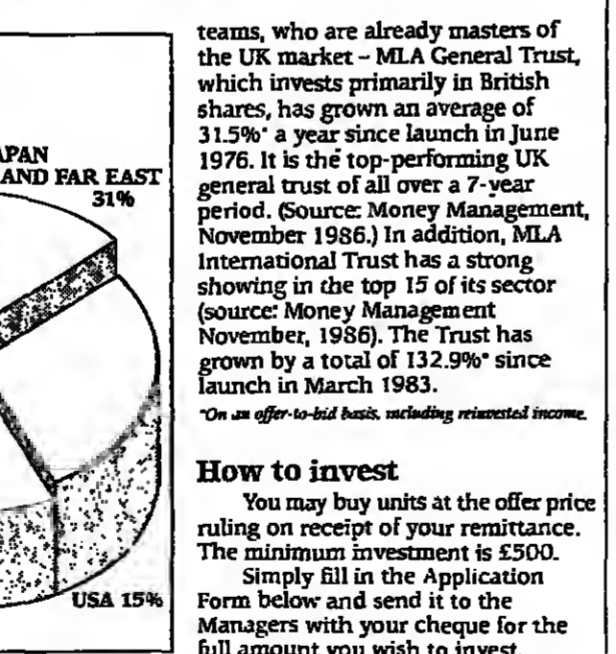
BANCO ESPERITO DE LISBOA: Morgan Grenfell is to arrange the bank's forthcoming £100 million certificate of deposit insurance programme. BSS GROUP: Result of the offer to shareholders in connection with the proposed acquisition of Manor Buildings and Plumbing Supplies.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES table with columns for Three Month Sterling, Open, High, Low, Close, Est Vol. Includes sub-sections for Money Markets and Euro Money Deposits.

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RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues with columns for Series, Call, Put, and Price. Includes entries for Allied Lyons, BP, Com Gold, Courtaulds, etc.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Table listing rights issues with columns for Series, Call, Put, and Price. Includes entries for Avia Europe, BCE, Baker Harris, etc.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table listing London traded options with columns for Series, Call, Put, and Price. Includes entries for Jaguar, Thom EM, Tesco, Courtaulds, etc.

Hope boost

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hopes of merger with UB boost Cadbury Schweppes

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Dealers were feasting themselves yesterday on the growing prospect of an agreed merger between two of Britain's biggest food manufacturers.

There is talk that Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery, soft drinks and food group, is thinking of getting together with United Biscuits.

The possibility of a merger between the two companies has been mooted before, but speculation increased sharply yesterday as Cadbury Schweppes jumped 6p to 180p.

A merger between both companies would be seen in the City as a purely defensive move designed to deter unwanted predators.

Dealers are already speculating about a possible cross-holding being built up by both sides as the prelude to a merger.

But never dominated the rest of the equity market with a number of the old favourites back in demand. Some over-tweets in existing struggles were also evident.

There are signs of recovery in Woolworths, 3p up at 64 1/2p.

The market was further encouraged by the rise on Wall Street, which was showing gains of almost 12 points by

mid-morning. It caused a surge in new-time buying for next week's new account and by the close the FT 30-share index was at its highest level of the day, up 14.4 at 1274.2. 43

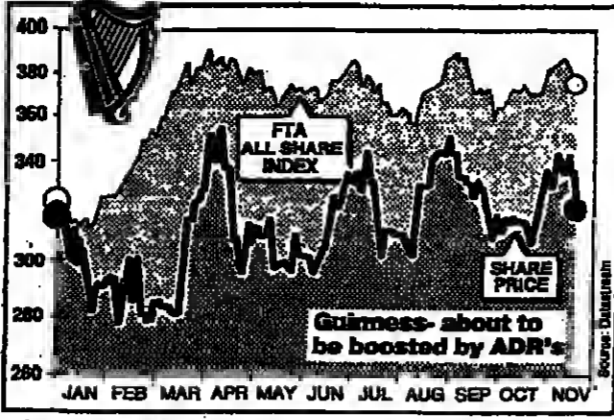
points during the course of a volatile account. The broader based FT-SE 100 index followed a similar pattern and closed 14.2 points higher at 1624.9.

Among blue chips Hanson Trust, which again had one of the highest volumes of the day at 6.2 million, firmed 2p to 197p.

The renewed mood of optimism failed to rub off on the record and pop music empire of Mr Richard Branson, which began dealing yesterday.

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The next big new issue was, however, fairly unimpressive. As British Gas announced that it would be selling its shares at 135p each, they were being traded at a middle price of 161p on the unofficial 'grey' market.

One of the best performers yesterday was Camry Petroleum, leaping 100p to 545p.

Elsewhere among breweries Vaux, the independent brewer based in Sunderland, leapt 21p to 444p as new-time speculators rushed into the

stock amid talk of a bid during the next account. There has been persistent talk over the past couple of weeks that Wolverhampton & Dudley and Pleasurama might launch a joint assault.

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Bass improved 12p to 740p, Marland 10p to 375p and Grand Metropolitan, where there is still talk of a possible consortium bid, climbed 11p to 454p.

Kennedy Brookes, the Wheelers to Mario & Franco restaurant group, dipped 2p to 219p after announcing its 6.43 per cent stake in Goldsmiths, the jewellery, hotels and insurance group.

Deventish, the West Country brewer, has been mentioned as a possible predator. Goldsmiths shares went up 18p to 252p.

At this stage then, it would be fair to guess that professionals will be buyers of British Gas shares at anything up to 145p to 150p.

COMMENT

Sid will be delighted to receive the news

At last it can be told. The distinctly un-ubiquitous Sid must surely have been deliberately incommunicado while enjoying a quiet celebration in advance of the British Gas share sale.

For Sid and millions like him, the terms announced yesterday look mouth-watering. Small investors being offered either bonus shares or gas vouchers will see some highly attractive short-term returns on their initial down payment of 50p a share.

The arithmetic is probably beyond the capabilities of Sid, even armed with a pocket calculator. But ascribing a cash value to the £10 gas bill vouchers, taking account of the fact that the shares are paid for in easy instalments and that a dividend is payable within 12 months, the first year's return to someone hating 400 shares represents 21 per cent gross.

Doing similar sums, those opting for the alternative share bonus after three years will see an 11 per cent rate of return, assuming that dividends and share price remain unchanged.

It will come as no great surprise that the mechanics of the sale have been devised so that there is every chance of a worthwhile premium.

Given all the hype, the issue could be subscribed a couple of times over. A twice subscribed issue would leave long-term holders of Gas shares very much short of their ideal portfolio weightings when first dealings commence.

Some 20 per cent of the issue has been allocated for overseas investors, and half the remainder earmarked for the small private investor and half for the institutions. Yet if the issue is oversubscribed, there will be a claw-back in favour of the small man.

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Barrage a market collapse, private investors look to be in as close to a no-loss position as it is possible to be.

For, if the stock opens quietly, professionals will move in; first to make up their appropriate portfolio weighting, secondly to switch while Gas shares look attractive to other energy sector investments such as Shell and BP.

On current analysts' forecasts, Shell sells for a prospective yield in the 6 per cent region while BP sports a higher anticipated return of around 7.2 per cent.

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As with the TSB issue, there is every possibility of over-enthusiasm taking the price beyond that level. Again like the TSB, private shareholders will be trading among themselves until the shares come back to the point where institutions move in.

For those who are attracted by the loyalty bonus of one free share for every 10 held, such short-term considerations are of marginal interest. But in the longer term, British Gas looks capable of performing reasonably well.

British Gas agrees prices with its suppliers based on prices averaged over a historic period so that the benefits of cheaper oil come through slowly.

Followers of the demise of the giant Manville Corporation will recall that it too was remarkably unresponsive about the extent of its own exposure as it filed for re-organization under Chapter 11 of the US Federal Bankruptcy code.

In its 1981 annual report, Manville said it had substantial defences to asbestos actions brought against it.

In September this year though, Manville clarified the position. It reckoned it would be paying more than \$2.5 billion (£1.74 billion) into a trust for victims over the next 25 years.

John Bell, City Editor

ALPHA STOCKS

Table with 10 columns: 1986 High/Low Company, Price, Change, Div, Yld, P/E, 1985 High/Low Company, Price, Change, Div, Yld, P/E.

Imry close to bid agreement

Imry Property Holdings, the company controlled by Mr Arnold Lee, his family interests and the directors, is believed to be close to settling an agreed bid for the company, thought to emanate from a private property company.

Imry first announced that bid talks were under way in July and the market has been waiting for the details.

Mr Arnold Lee, Imry's chairman, said yesterday: "We are very far advanced with our talks but there are still some matters to be settled. The price has been agreed."

Imry's last stated net asset value was 402p per share and its property portfolio was put at £93.3 million.

The company saw rental income rise but pretax profits fell slightly to £1.31 million because of the refurbishment of the former Turriff building on the Great West Road, west London, now let to Wang, the computer company.

The alternative is two B & C shares for each Steel share.

RIVLIN: The company has completed the sale of its Penarth Road, Cardiff, property to the existing tenant, the Co-operative Retail Services, for £1.65 million.

Rothmans coming out of rationalization smoke

Rothmans International appears to be surfacing after being lost in a smoke of rationalization costs. Almost £80 million was taken above the line in the past two years as cigarette operations, particularly in West Germany and Britain, were ruthlessly pared in the face of declining markets.

Rothmans operations are now on a rising trend for the first time in three years, with pretax profits up by 12.5 per cent to £73.8 million in the six months to September 30.

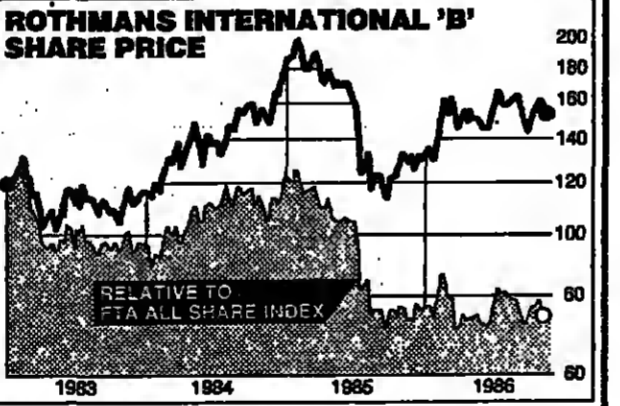
The other leading Canadian price-cutting victim - brewer Carling O'Keefe - is also making a strong recovery after an almost total collapse of profits last year.

The common characteristic which distinguishes arbitrage from pure speculation is that it is a closed transaction. Not necessarily risk-free, it differs from pure speculation in that no leg is left in the air.

Insider dealing is not arbitrage. Nor is "greenmailing" - taking a stake in a company and threatening the board into the hands of a white knight, hence increasing the value of the stake.

At the moment it would be impossible for anyone to raise money for an arbitrage fund as James Capel and Banque Paribas did in June, when they gathered £100 million for their Paribas Concorde Trust.

It is in Britain, what used to be practised in the name of



Blue Circle

Blue Circle's shares rose yesterday despite the announcement of a substantial redundancy programme.

It would be pleasant to think that far-sighted investors were keen to benefit from a soon-to-be-profitable British operation. However, it is far more likely that they are piling in on the back of Adstream's 6.3 per cent shareholding.

However, from Blue Circle's point of view, this is a welcome diversion. Despite virtually halving its British cement workforce in the past 10 years the business is still in a forlorn state.

The big question is how and when will these redundancy costs be faced. By rights they should be exceptional. If they are taken this year's profits will be well below £100 million but the bill will have been swallowed.

In the meantime, those who are bored with waiting for the light at the end of the tunnel will be happy for others to stoke up the train.

Advertisement for Target Pension Plan. Includes headline 'If you're about to invest in a pension plan make sure it's the best on the market.', list of fund values (e.g. SCHRODER Managed Fund \$29,617), and a form to request details.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Table with columns: Bid, Offer, Chng, Yld, and various unit trust names such as 'ALCOHOL UNIT TRUSTS', 'ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT TRUSTS', 'ASSET MANAGEMENT', etc.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Buying for new account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on November 10. Dealings ended yesterday. Contango day next Monday. Settlement day December 1. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN, Total.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table listing various British funds with columns: High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, Yield.

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Table listing short-term investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, Yield.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Table listing medium-term investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, Yield.

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Table listing long-term investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, Yield.

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Table listing undated investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, Yield.

BREWERIES

Table listing brewery companies like T & A, T & B, etc.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Table listing building and road companies like Balfour Beatty, etc.

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Table listing chemical and plastic companies like ICI, etc.

CINEMAS AND TV

Table listing cinema and TV companies like British Screen, etc.

DRAPERY AND STORES

Table listing drapery and store companies like Debenhams, etc.

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Table listing electrical companies like BSC, etc.

FINANCE AND LAND

Table listing finance and land companies like Abbey National, etc.

FOODS

Table listing food companies like Borden, etc.

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Table listing hotel and catering companies like Whitbread, etc.

INDUSTRIALS A-D

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It's a bargain — so don't spoil the share form

Yesterday was so-called Impact Day for British Gas, the day when Sid and 7.5 million other investors found out that shares in the biggest over UK shares flotation would be priced at 135p — 15p below the maximum of 150p that the Government's financial advisers had talked about when the Gas Pathfinder Prospectus was published three weeks ago.

At 135p a share and just over four billion shares on offer, the initial market capitalization will be £5.6 billion.

It was shrewd investor psychology on Mrs Thatcher's part to turn an equivalent offer into a massed bargain. The arithmetic works out in such a way that on the basis of payment by instalments, a dividend forecast of 5.63p per share and the sweetener of Gas vouchers, the gross yield works its way up to a highly attractive 21.6 per cent, based on the flotation price.

It was enough for Neil MacLeod, of stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers, to say his firm would recommend private clients to go ahead with their applications, whereas at 150p Mr MacLeod would have been "in two minds about it".

The grey market did not take long to make up its mind either. Yesterday afternoon Cleveland Securities was offering to buy 50p partly paid British Gas shares at 60p.

On the instalment mechanics, apart from the 50p to be paid at the outset, the second instalment of 45p is due in June 1987 and the final payment of 40p in April 1988.

Apart from the millions of UK private investors likely to become shareholders, many of them from overseas has been what one British Gas adviser calls "incredibly high". Especially from the United States and Japan.

The intention is that overseas demand should not be satisfied by sacrificing the home-grown variety. Merchant bank N.M. Rothschild, which is orchestrating the flotation, said yesterday that it fully supported the official line, which is that every private investor applying for shares will receive an allocation. There is no intention to ballot.

It does look highly likely then that overseas demand will be scaled down. It also seems likely that large applications from UK private investors (say, 10,000 shares) will be substantially satisfied.

By this morning a million of the 7.5 million prospectuses requested by members of the public should be dropping through letterboxes all over Britain. Delivery of the remaining 6.5 million should be completed by the middle of next week.

And, if you think the British Gas media blitz is over, you're wrong. Next Tuesday the full prospectus will be published in various newspapers, including *The Times*. The prospectus will also be available in clearing bank branches and post offices from Tuesday.

When you are filling out the prospectus keep firmly in mind the most common mistakes that people make and avoid them yourself. Do remember to sign the cheque and the application form and do not attempt more than one application per person. The authorities could get very nasty if you do. You have until 10am on December 3 to get your application in.

One final thought illustrates the huge scale of this operation. Some bright spark in the British Gas Share Information Office has worked out that if all the prospectuses were laid end to end they would stretch from New York almost to Los Angeles. PG

Proof from PEP pioneers

Credit for pioneering work where it's due.

In his 1986 Budget statement on March 18, Nigel Lawson announced a new concept in individual investment — the Personal Equity Plan.

In the morning papers on March 20, Fidelity Investment Services was not only advertising its intention to offer a PEP but inviting people to write in for further details.

At that stage Fidelity, along with the rest of the financial community, would not have been able to tell you the difference between a PEP and a tin of dog food but its enterprising spirit has clearly paid off. In the past 10 days alone, since moving its marketing activity into top gear, Fidelity has had 18,000 PEP inquiries from the public, reports the managing director, Barry Bateman.

Eight months on from the conception of PEPs, Fidelity's initial enthusiasm is beginning to be mirrored by its competitors, several of whom displayed reluctance to embrace the PEP's charms.

That early resistance among City institutions was based on several factors. First, they said, the entire concept was only a half-hearted attempt to popularize capitalism because, unlike the *Loi Manory* system in France, Loi Lawson gave no tax breaks to investors at the pay-in end of the investment chain. Secondly, because the Chancellor wanted investors to have direct exposure to share investment, there was to be no place for unit trusts. This total exclusion zone has now been modified.

The institutions also argued that PEPs would be horribly expensive for them to administer. In short, they gave the definite impression of wanting the whole thing to go away.

The mood now has changed. Fears remain about the cost of servicing PEPs and the feeling still exists that tax breaks at the outset would have turned the concept into something really worthwhile. Nevertheless, progress on costs has been made. Most significant of all in this respect is that it is a PEP requirement that a copy of the annual report and accounts of every company invested in must be sent to the individual investor.

Both Fidelity and Save & Prosper report agreement with a number of large companies that those companies themselves will bear the distribution cost of annual reports. There is satisfaction, too, that a role has been found for unit trusts. In S&P's case, the marketing director Paul Bateman (no relation to his Fidelity namesake) confirmed that his company's PEPs unit trust option will allow access to all S&P's 28 unit trusts.

Most important of all is the grudging acceptance among some institutions that if they do not get in on the ground floor, maybe having to treat PEPs as a loss leader in the early stages, they may have to pay a high price to get in at a later stage. The fact that muscular organizations such as the Prudential and Schroder have signalled their intentions without, as yet, colouring in the detail lends considerable weight to this view.

A Personal Equity Plan is a scheme whereby from January 1 everyone aged 18 and over will be able to invest up to £2,400 a year (or £200 a month) in a PEP.

Reinvestment without tax

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the investor keeps his PEP. Clearly, the longer the investment runs the more the tax relief will build up. If the investor pulls out before the minimum period has elapsed, he will lose the tax relief and any capital gain and dividend income will be taxed in the usual way.

Although the scheme is open to all adults, the Chancellor is on record as saying that it is specially designed to encourage smaller savers, and particularly those who may never previously have invested in equities.

Plans will operate on a calendar year basis. An investor entered a plan in the calendar year in which it is first used to buy shares. To qualify for the tax exemptions, it must then remain within the plan for the whole of the next calendar year.

If an investment is made on December 1, 1987, and used to buy shares on the same day, it forms part of the investor's permitted allocation of £2,400 for 1987. The investment must be retained within the plan throughout the following calendar year 1988, and the earliest it can be realized without the loss of tax exemption will be January 1, 1989.

The investment will be handled by an authorized PEP manager who may be, for example, a stockbroker, a bank or a fund management group. But the investor himself will own the shares and all the rights, including voting rights. It will be up to the investor to choose whether to make the investment decisions himself or to give the plan manager authority to act for him.

Plan managers will buy, sell and hold investments and deal with the Inland Revenue, including making the necessary claims for tax relief. More than 100 firms have so far applied to plan managers, a level of interest which clearly delighted Mr Lawson when he chided those who "couldn't wait to predict that this initiative would never get off the ground".

With more than 100 firms signalling their intentions in this way and only a handful of them made public so far, it looks as if December will be deluge month for PEPs.

Apart from Fidelity and S&P, among the main plans that have been made public are those from Hill Samuel, FS Assurance, stockbrokers Steppards & Chase and Charles Stanley, and the four big clearers, Barclays, Lloyds, Midland and National Westminster.

There are several scheme permutations, brand names and charging structures, and although they all naturally enthrall about their own investment performance there is little doubt that at the start of the PEPs era, financial advisers will steer clients into PEPs contracts as much on the basis of efficient administration as investment potential.

John Greener, of Richards Longstaffe says he will write to his 10,000 clients in mid-December with one firm PEP recommendation for 1987, and one only. Mr Greener reckons that on the basis of a national 100 points out of which he will "mark" PEPs, marks out of 40 will be given according to reliable administration.

In the long term, of course, investors and their advisers will be content to live with mediocre administration provided the investment goodies live up to their promise.

The envy of its competitors

The front runner on both scores must be Fidelity. Its unit trust performance has consistently kept it among the top fund management groups since it was set up in the UK seven years ago and its smooth administration is the envy of its competitors.

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FAMILY MONEY/2

A few pages on pensions at £1.65

Cheeky practice award of the week must surely go to The Industrial Society, which has published a guide to the new regulations on disclosure of information to occupational scheme members.

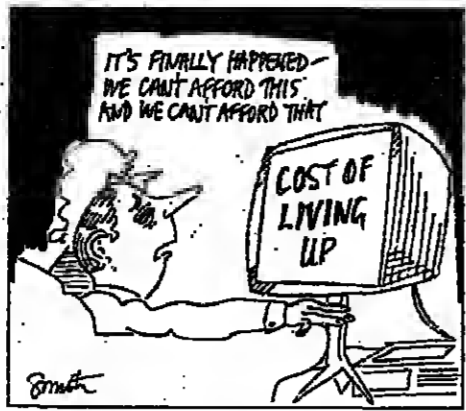
More info for Sid

Carefully timed to attract the interest of all the British Gas "Sids", this week has witnessed a resurgence of activity among publishers of "everything you ever wanted to know about shares" type books.

Two of the best offerings are Everready's Burr's The Share Book (2nd edition), which has been updated to take account of the changes involved in Big Bang and the new investor protection laws, and Neil Stapley's The Stock Market: A guide for the private investor.

Forest favourite

A company called Fountain Forestry, which specialises in forestry management, is currently trumpeting the virtues of its "forestry investment".



£500 million requests

National Westminster's autumn offer of a 0.5 per cent mortgage discount for all new borrowers has attracted applications for loans totalling more than £500 million during the first two months.

Point to remember

The Bristol & West Building Society called last week to tell the society's expatriate offshore savings account offered a return of 11.37 per cent.

Cash, not cuddly toys

The Yorkshire Building Society has decided to eschew the piggy banks and cuddly toys that commonly go with children's savings accounts.

The Golden offer

There will always be some who swim against the tide, particularly if the waters are as dangerously competitive as those of the mortgage market.

Guiding video

A video guide for small businesses on unfair dismissal legislation and good employment practice is available on free hire from the Department of Employment's small firms centres regionally.

Good names with good prospects

LLOYD'S

The opening this week of the new Lloyd's building by the Queen has focused attention not just on the controversial building but also on the question of becoming a Lloyd's name.

The Queen pointed out in her speech the significance of the building to Britain's balance of payments. A sum of £1.87 billion or one-sixth of total net overseas earnings by financial institutions was contributed by Lloyd's underwriters and brokers in 1985.

Although names - wealthy individuals whose fortunes underwrite Lloyd's insurance policies - doubtless take pride in Lloyd's national contribution, they are more interested in the size of the cheque they receive every year.

Names usually participate or have shares in several syndicates with the amount of business they are allowed to write tied in a proportion of two to one to the amount of wealth they put up.

While it is always dangerous to talk about average returns at Lloyd's, the general trend seems to be improving markedly after a prolonged period of soft rates, fierce competition and poor returns.

The 1983 results, the last to be published as Lloyd's accounts are three years in arrears, were a mixed crop. Marine syndicates earned names an average return of £1,338 for every £10,000 share on a syndicate.

Non-marine results were poor with an average loss of £668 per £10,000 share. The worst results were horrible, even names being called on to stump up £4,000 or more.

The outlook for the open years of 1984 and 1985 is one of steady improvement. Apart from special incidents, such as the high number of aeroplane crashes in 1985, which will affect aviation syndicates, all areas of business have seen rates hardening which should feed through into more profits.

It therefore follows that now is a good time to join Lloyd's, although the Jeremiahs are already predicting the next downsizing in rates.

About 3,000 new names have signed up to start underwriting from January 1 next year. They will receive a new booklet produced by Lloyd's, which is more comprehensive than anything produced before.

The ability to make money work twice

While the 1987 names have already made their decision to join, many more will be weighing the pros and cons. The new booklet, which should be available next month, will be a great help both because of its general details and its sizeable financial facts section.

The booklet contains a health warning listing some obvious and some less obvious helpful hints about the nature of Lloyd's. Most importantly, prospective names should remember that they are liable for their entire personal wealth and not just the amount they show as a basis for underwriting.

reality should have far more liquid assets before joining.

The advantages of being a name stem largely from the ability to make money work twice. Names have to deposit half the wealth they show with Lloyd's as cash, gilt-edged stocks, equities or bank guarantees.

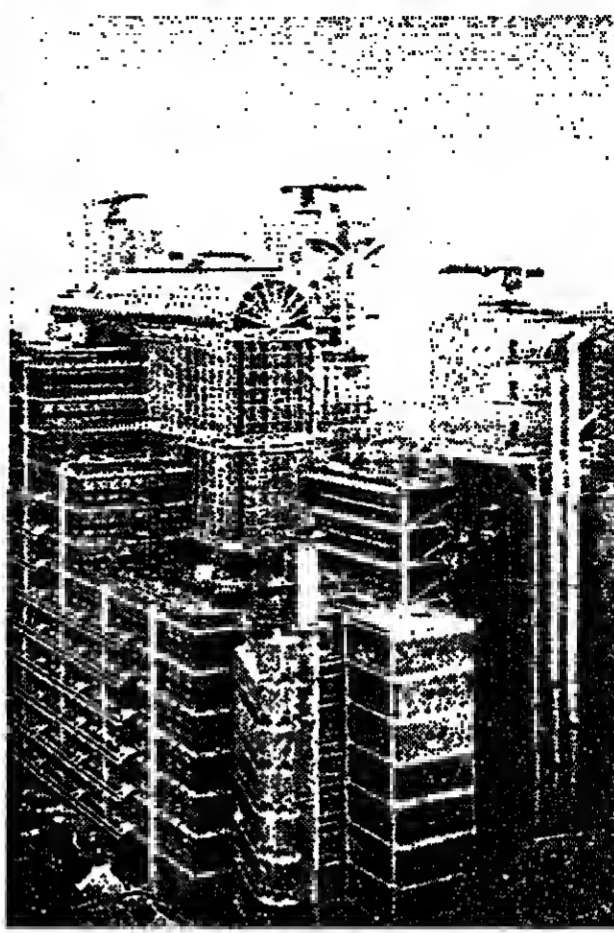
The real boon from membership is for high taxpayers. Pure underwriting losses can be offset against tax meaning 60 per cent taxpayers never pay more than 40 per cent of their underwriting losses.

As underwriting losses are usually covered by investment income except in rough markets, the name would make a profit anyway. The Inland Revenue still allows tax relief against underwriting profit regardless of investment income.

Non-taxpayers and those without the ability to recoup money from other means should question hard whether they are the right material to join. It is possible to join and run into several years of losses before making a profit.

As membership alone is fairly pricey - there is a £3,000 entrance fee, an annual subscription of 0.85 per cent of business written and an annual contribution to the Lloyd's central fund of 0.45 per cent of business written in the previous year - all names should have a good cushion against bad times.

A good spread among syndicates writing different classes of business is also a hedge against downturn in one market. The present thinking is 45 per cent on marine syndicates, 35 per cent on non-marine, 10 per cent on aviation and 10 per cent on motor.



Imposing: the building where millions are made for Britain

name's total underwriting capacity on any one syndicate is also considered prudent. A further hedge is to take out stop-loss insurance policies which limit the effect of bad losses.

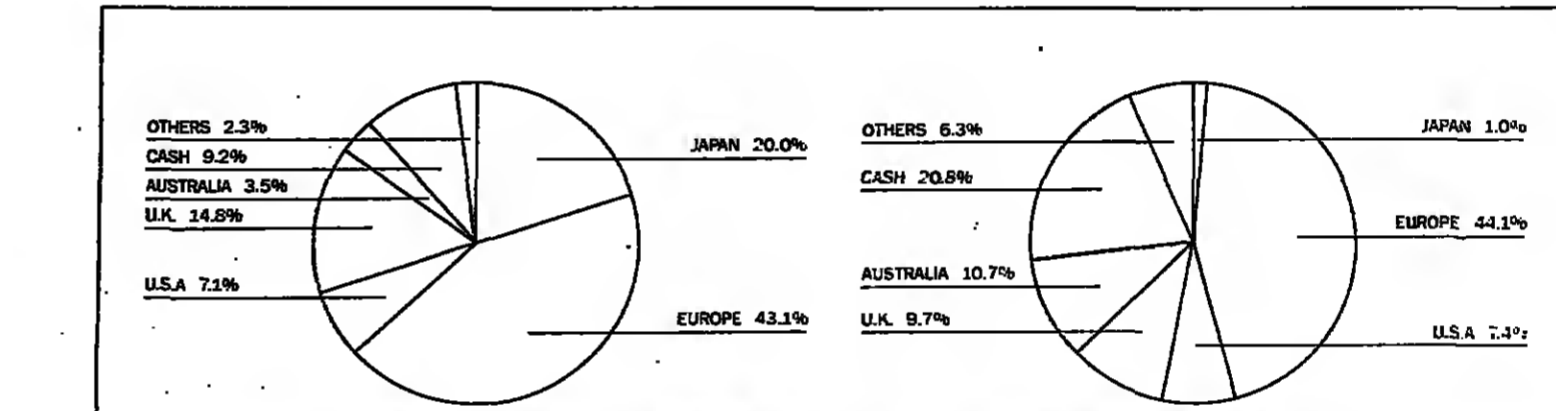
The choice of agent is crucial and is the hardest to make, because so much depends on personal recommendation and personal impressions. Some names may feel more comfortable with a members' agent, which does not run syndicates. Others may want to be part of a larger members' and managing agency group.

Finally, the inquiry into the adequacy of investor protection at Lloyd's being conducted by Sir Patrick Neill may recommend changes in the arrangements for names. First sight of the inquiry's findings are expected just before Christmas.

It remains to be seen whether Lloyd's will have to alter its new booklet to take Sir Patrick's recommendations on board.



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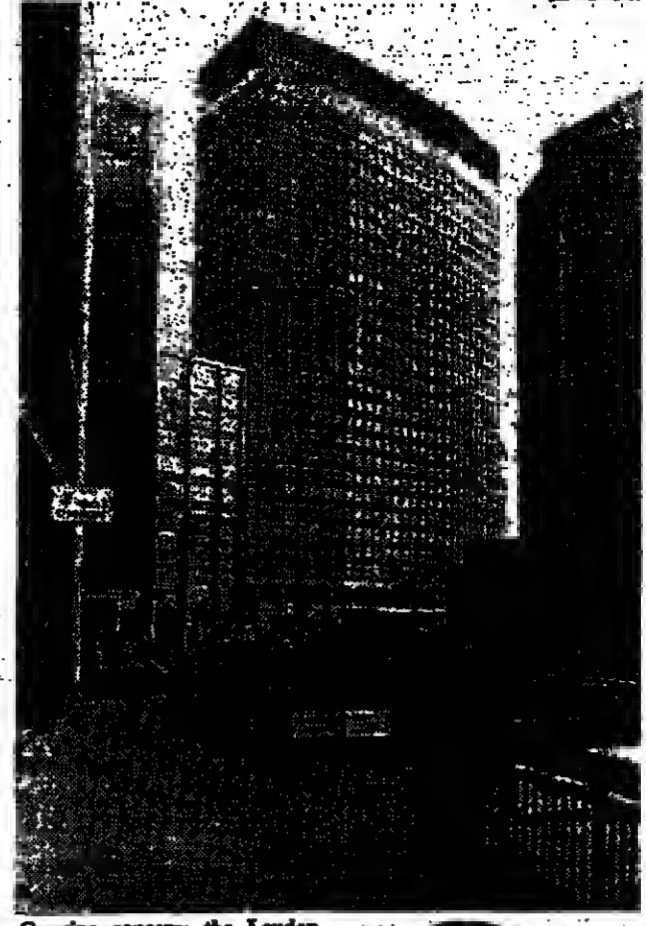
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FAMILY MONEY/3

A broader view of Amex

In its annual report, American Express announces its ambition: 'To be the world leader in financial and travel services.' How will that be achieved here? John Roberts explains in his second article on the changing role of financial institutions



Growing concern: the London office block where American Express is based. Thinking positive: John Stuart, right



From his office on the 22nd floor of a central London office block, the chief general manager, John Stuart, has a commanding view, overlooking, for instance, the private gardens of Buckingham Palace. But his vision of how American Express will participate in the changes now sweeping Britain's financial services seems limited. Opportunity is not lacking. Nor could you accuse American Express of being inflexible and too set in its ways. Indeed, criticism of the company on the other side of the Atlantic has been largely that the group has too frequently changed its mind.

Of the decision to sell an interest in cable systems, the whose balance-sheet ratios were every bit as strong. He told me: "When we package up an offer we talk to the supplier so that we are offering something we know is suitable to the needs of our card members as a group. But products can become commodities. Competitors can design the same product and then choose to undercut on price. We are doing it on a very selective scale to a particular small section of the population, so we are not in the economics of mass marketing. We are not on the marginal pricing end of the business. It may be in our interest to move into the provision of insurance.

Insurance offers with statements

report for the last full financial year admitted: "Using 20/20 hindsight, it was probably a mistake for us to invest in cable systems. Their potential as a distribution system for financial and travel services never panned out."

The company also sold 59 per cent of the property-liability insurance group, Fireman's Fund. American Express card holders will be familiar with the efforts to sell them insurance with shoals of promotional literature — unkindly known by some as "junk mail" — accompanying their monthly statements.

There, American Express is being forced into a decision. While admitting the scope for it, Mr Stuart has no immediate plans to deal in shares through those travel agency outlets in prime shopping centres and only "might" promote mutual funds to some card-holders. "We have introduced some gold card holders to Shearson Lehman," he said.

Card-holders could double in a few years

Though these leaflets extol the policies from various companies as very favourable opportunities available to card members, the rates quoted are no different from those quoted generally by the same companies for the same policies. My own monitoring over a number of years has shown that never did the policy offered represent the best value. Exactly the same cover was to be had at lower premium rates elsewhere.

Mr Stuart said: "The lending side is our main development area. We have the most credit-worthy customers in the country. A natural evolution from the use of a charge (not credit) card for travel was to offer instalment loans for holidays. From there it is blossoming out carefully into mortgages. And whereas it is not a credit card — the account sent every month must be settled in full — the gold card now includes the automatic right to

an overdraft of at least £10,000 at Lloyds and some other banks. More can be arranged according to individual circumstances and the interest rate is set at 2.5 per cent above the bank's base rate, the attractiveness of which will depend on the state of your relations and negotiating ability with your existing bank manager.

Furthermore, for all card-holders the autonomous Fellow subsidiary, American Express Bank, now offers an unsecured overdraft of between £1,000 and £5,000 on completion of a simple form and without the need for an interview. The charge is equivalent to a 19.5 annual percentage rate, which is about 7 per cent below what you would pay to get similar amounts of money from Access or Barclaycard.

At the same time, instead of being confined, for instance, to the more expensive *haute cuisine* restaurants, it is now accepted, for instance, at Little Chef, which are more noted as catering for families and commercial travellers than gourmets.

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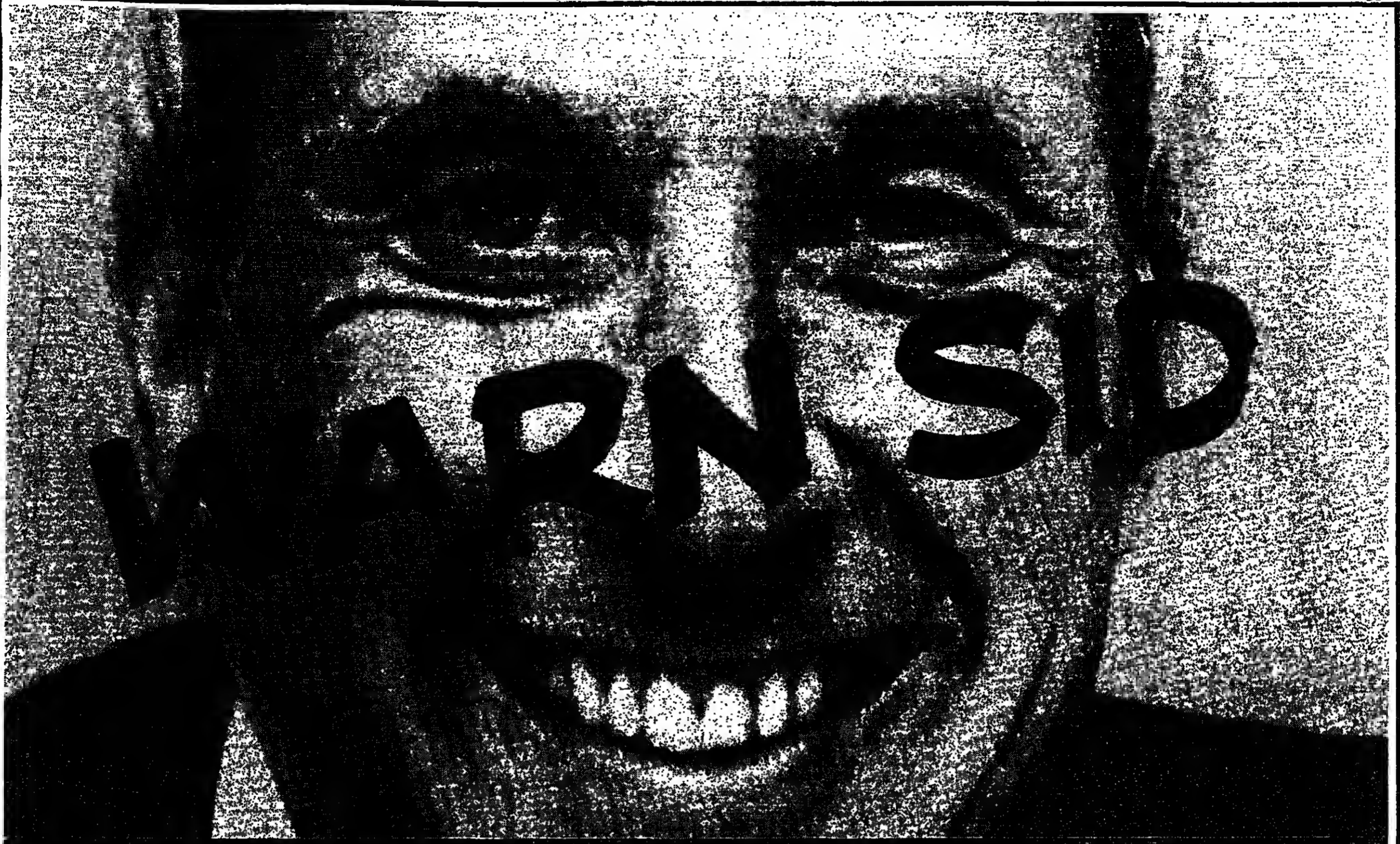
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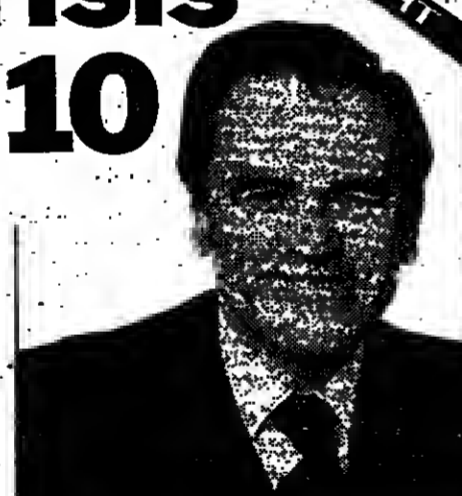
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FAMILY MONEY/5

Where there's a will there may be a snag

LEGACIES

There is nothing like a bad home-made will for keeping lawyers in clover. People can leave money to whom they wish, provided, they are sane and not under pressure when they do it. The problems come only with the ambiguities.

Ernest Digweed, a religious recluse from Portsmouth, had no doubts about where his money should go when he died. He left it all to Jesus Christ, to await his return to earth. When Mr Digweed died 10 years ago his nearest family challenged the will on the grounds that the will's provisions showed he was insane. In fact, he had been involved in a long and lucid correspondence about just where the money should be invested until Judgment Day — and the courts rejected the relations' application.

The family then had a collective behaviour. Under the Statute of Limitations, if money is left to a particular individual who does not appear for 80 years — like an unborn grandson, for instance — it ultimately reverts to the state.

His family tried to insure themselves against the risk of the Second Coming occurring within 80 years of Mr Digweed's death, but alas, even Lloyd's underwriters would not take the business.

Few wills contain such exotic provisions, although one man recently left his all to the Russian government. Earlier generations of "Disgusteds, Umbridge Wells" may have provided their mite to reduce the National Debt, but that has died out. Leaving £50,000 to scale down the public sector borrowing requirement does not sound anything like as good.

The law generally protects your right to eccentricity. But people who have been financially dependent on you can apply to the courts for "reasonable provision" from what you have left, if they do so within six months of your demise.

Wives and families are the obvious claimants but a mis-

press or perhaps even a kept man might qualify as well, provided he or she relied on you for financial survival. But what "reasonable provision" means in practice depends very much on the details of every case.

It is lack of clarity, not lack of provision, which brings most wills to court. Stationers usually stock will forms, which are fine so long as your intentions are clear, but can cause problems otherwise. The biggest difficulties have come from wills which are completely home-made.

The phrase "all to Mother", for instance, led to one classic court case. The man who had left these final instructions had known his wife as Mother — just as his children did. But it took a court to settle that the money should go to her.

More recently, someone left

consuming bore. If you choose a friend it is vital to ask him before giving him the job if he is not a beneficiary already. It is perhaps worth allowing for his trouble in what you leave. Finally, you should always date the will.

If muddle is one threat to your intentions, inflation is the other. People often make wills with what looks like generous provisions for their families and then leave a small residue elsewhere.

Inflation gnaws away at the value of most legacies and, 30 years hence, the last in the queue may collect the lion's share of what you leave. The answer is to provide legacies in terms of a proportion of the estate, and not as fixed lump sums.

The one move which invalidates any will is getting married, unless the will was clearly in "contemplation of marriage". Without that vital clause, your previous single person's will is invalid and what you leave is distributed as though you had never made a will at all.

Divorce will ensure that your ex-wife — or husband — loses any benefits and is treated as though he or she had died before you.

You can always change a will once you have made it, although once again you will need two independent witnesses to sign the amendment. Codicils — the legal version of



a PS on a letter — allow you to make gifts to extra people or organisations, without disturbing the main lines of what you have decided.

But major changes of mind need a new will, which should state that it is revoking the old one — and, above all, be dated.

Incidentally, the estate of anyone who dies intestate and without any dependants goes to the Crown.

Finally, the people who are going to benefit should know where the will has been kept, when they need to see it. The crucial point before making a will is to buy a copy of the new *Which?* publication (Wills and Probate, £6.95, from bookshops or from the Consumers' Association at PO Box 44, Hertford SG14 1SH).

It provides a good, relatively simple guide to the whole business. How much will solicitors charge for drafting a will? It depends on how long it takes money to your wife may well mean that it is not so much a tax avoided as a tax postponed. It will be payable on her estate when she dies in turn.

You can give away £3,000 to any one person every year without coming into the tax net at all and make as many small gifts of up to £250 as you like. After that, generosity and survival are two tax-beaters, although splitting your estate with your wife can also cut your family's eventual tax bills dramatically.

But if you are thinking of such measures, you will need to get professional advice anyway.

Tom Tickell

'A great step forward' for rights of shoppers

Consumers will no longer have to prove a manufacturer's negligence when claiming for damages for faulty products, if the Government has its way.

Under the Consumer Protection Bill, published this week by the Department of Trade and Industry, producers will be automatically liable for damages caused by their duff goods.

But says the department, it has to be clear that the defect in the goods caused the damage and this will place "a heavy but necessary burden of proof" on the consumer.

Nevertheless, the Bill has been welcomed by the Consumers' Association "as a great step forward".

The association comments: "Suppliers will be responsible for insuring that the goods they sell are safe." Under the Bill, producers, importers, and "own branders" are liable for damages.

Yet the association is worried by an exclusion from the Bill which its legal adviser, David Tench, describes as "absurd". Manufacturers will be able to escape liability for "development risks".

If it can be proved that at the time of manufacture the state of knowledge to pinpoint a defect did not exist, then the producer would not be liable.

The department says this provision was inserted to protect product innovators who did everything reasonable to ensure a new product was safe.

But Mr Tench counters: "Two of the most innovative countries in the world, the



United States and France, have strict liability laws."

The Bill's scope covers death or personal injury or damage exceeding £275, with no maximum limit on damages set. But it also excludes from its jurisdiction utilities, other than gas, water and electricity, primary agricultural goods and professional liabilities.

Yet the Bill will also make it an offence to sell goods which do not comply to a general safety requirement.

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Lessons from a company that raised £1m

BES

The Business Expansion Scheme is not a passport to riches for investors, even if they do get tax relief of up to 60 per cent on their investments. LAWRENCE LEVER explains

The latest salutary warning that tax breaks do not guarantee profit comes in the managers' report on the Buckmaster Development Fund.

This fund was launched in 1984 and raised £1 million, which was invested in seven companies. It is managed by Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore, the stockbrokers.

These companies accounted for £483,600 of the original £1 million. In other words 48 per cent of the investments have been written off.

One of the surviving companies - in which £76,800 was invested - is in difficulties. According to the managers' report its survival "depends upon a major infusion of funds but as of this date we are

Working very hard for the investors'

unable to predict whether support will be forthcoming".

Eric Edghill, one of the managers of the fund, says he is "working very, very hard to make something for the investors". Mr Edghill, who was not involved until 18 months ago, is "optimistic that people will get their money back ultimately, taking into account tax relief".

Fortunately there is no overlap in the investments between this Buckmaster fund and a second one launched in 1985.

There will not be any more Buckmaster BES funds in the foreseeable future. In common with some, but by no means all, BES fund sponsors, it has not found it economic to market BES funds.

The Buckmaster report does not contain a statement of how much in expenses and fees the managers have received.

According to Mr Edghill, these are very modest. The fund took a 5 per cent front-end load fee and charges nothing else to the fund. The investee companies pay it directors' fees if they have a Buckmaster director on the board.

The reasons for the failures are, Mr Edghill says, many and various. It seems in the case of one of the companies

that it did not get the sales that its business plan originally suggested.

Other BES funds have suffered liquidations and BES investors are warned of the dangers of investing in unquoted companies. However, to lose close on half of investors' money in two and a half years is a sorry record.

Company aims to develop a chain

Meanwhile, for prospective BES investors not deterred by the risks, County Inns, a pub venture sponsored by Baltic Asset Management, is looking for up to £2.5 million. The minimum amount it needs to get off the ground is £500,000.

It has already exchanged contracts for two premises and wants to develop a chain. It has close links with the Wiltshire Brewery Company,

which operates its own brewery and recently raised £2.7 million itself from a number of City institutions.

Two directors of County Inns are directors of WBC, which will receive an annual management fee of £75,000 as well as supplying drinks to County. Philip Keane, from Baltic, says of the close links with WBC: "We actually think they are an advantage to County Inns. The company will have an independent managing director and other independent representatives on the board."

He stresses that the pub will not be obliged to take only WBC beer. The management of County Inns, including WBC, is putting its money where its mouth is with a £243,000 investment in the company. There are options over 27.5 per cent of the company for the management and sponsors, exercisable at a minimum 75 per cent premium.

This means that investors will retain the benefit of the first 75 per cent of uplift in the value of their shares before suffering any dilution.

The prospectus gives no figures for the trading record of the two premises for which County Inns has exchanged contracts. Mr Keane says last annual turnover in one

You must invest at least £500

case was more than £350,000 and in the other more than £300,000.

He will not say what profits they both made, but says he is confident County Inns will maximize its potential.

The minimum investment you can make is £500. Details are available from Baltic Asset Management, 25-26 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD (01-493 9899).

Commissions could fall to end the debate

One of the still outstanding and most controversial aspects of the new financial services rules - the question of commissions you pay to intermediaries on life insurance and unit trusts - came a step closer to being resolved this week.

The Life and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (LAUTRO) has outlined the rates of commission which it considers intermediaries should charge.

They do not appear to herald a huge reduction in commissions. But surrender values - the amount a policy is worth when cashed in early - should increase as a result.

LAUTRO is proposing to limit commissions to 25 per cent of the premiums paid. On regular premium policies the 25 per cent would be charged for an initial period followed by a flat rate charge of 2.5 per cent on all premiums paid until the policy matures.

LAUTRO is suggesting that intermediaries can earn a maximum of 3 per cent commission on sales of unit trusts - in line with current market practice.

This will also apply where an intermediary switches his client from one unit trust into another.

For single-premium bonds LAUTRO suggests a 4 per cent initial charge followed by a charge of 0.5 per cent in the following four years, as opposed to the current one-off commission payment of 5 per cent.

Under rules put forward by the Securities and Investments Board, intermediaries who sell life insurance and unit trusts of companies which subscribe to the LAUTRO agreement will not have to disclose to investors the amount of commission they are earning.

Instead they will be subject only to "soft disclosure" requirements, telling investors that their commissions are in line with the LAUTRO agreement.

Intermediaries will have to disclose only the amount of commission they are earning

High value for surrender

where they sell a policy from a company which is not party to the LAUTRO agreement.

The practice of spreading premiums over the life of policies means that, broadly speaking, commissions on endowment and whole life assurance will be slightly lower for short-term policies and higher than currently paid on longer term policies.

Spreading commissions over the life of the policy should also lead to higher surrender values. Commissions on the short-term self-employed policies will be considerably reduced.

And, in the case of term assurance, commissions will be marginally less on longer term and more for short-term policies.

Insider dealing should not panic the outsiders

SHARES

"Insider dealing" is the buzz phrase in the City. There are now two cases of suspected insider dealing under investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry.

There is also the case of Ivan Boesky, the flamboyant Wall Street financier, who is paying a \$100 million penalty for the offence in the United States and who had substantial investments in Britain.

It is hardly the kind of news to inspire confidence in the stock market at a time when the number of private shareholders is rising so rapidly under the influence of the Government's privatization programme.

For several reasons, however, there is little cause for private investors to worry unduly.

Insider dealing - profiting from dealing in shares on the strength of privileged information - is usually open only to those involved in the financial world.

values such as the company's earnings performance.

Insider dealers dodge in and out of shares. The ordinary stock market investor should, most of the time, be looking for relatively long-term investments.

He or she may want to take advantage of temporary blips in the share price - however inexplicable they are - to buy or sell, but they are unlikely to make a difference to the long-term performance of his shares.

Naturally, no innocent person likes to be taken advantage of by those unscrupulous enough to misuse their privileged position.

But in the nature of the stock market, most insider dealers will be trading with

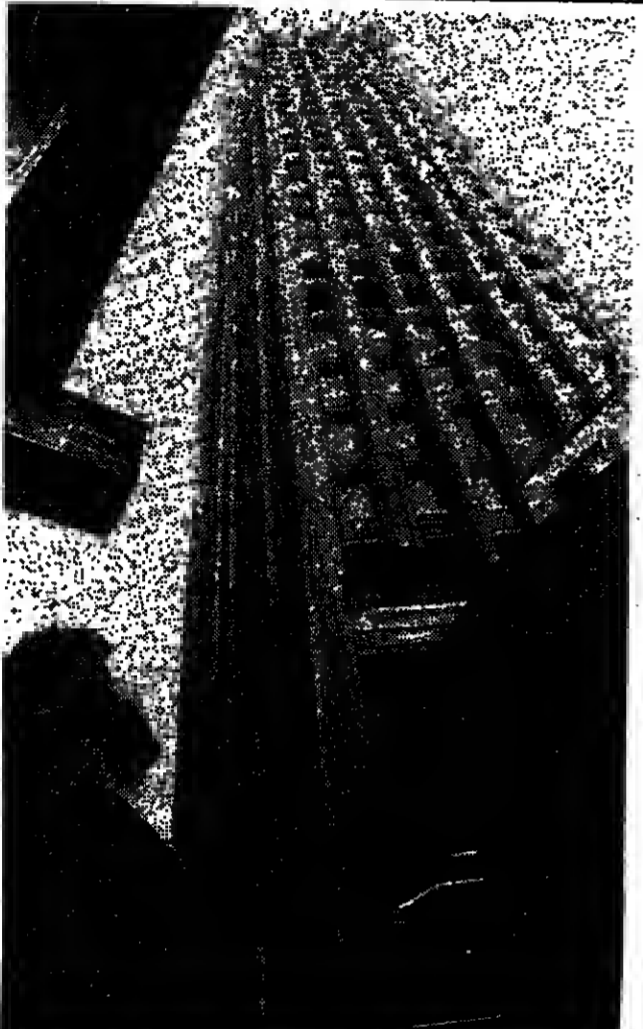
other professional investors rather than private investors, who own a relatively small proportion of the market.

The worst that may happen is that you sell your shares for a smaller profit than you might have done if you had known what the insider dealer who bought them knew.

You can at least calculate exactly what you are making on the deal before you do it.

It is not as bad as being sold a faulty washing machine by a dishonest salesman. And it is certainly not as bad as being sold dud or fictitious shares by those dishonest share salesmen who cold-call unwary investors from Amsterdam or Madrid.

Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent



The Stock Exchange: no worries from those insider deals

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and financial institutions, including ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, Citibank Savings, Consolidated Credits, Co-operative Bank, C. Hoare & Co, Hong Kong & Shanghai, Lloyds Bank, Nat Westminster, Royal Bank of Scotland, TSB, and Citibank NA.



Ivan Boesky: fined heavily

There is a lot of it about

The indications are that there is a lot of it about. But most of the time it probably affects only specific stocks for very short periods of time.

The typical stamping ground for the insider dealer is the take-over bid.

It is amazing how often the share price of a target company rises on the stock market just before the bid is announced.

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Court of Appeal

Affray sentencing guidelines

Regina v Keys and Others
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Rose
[Judgment November 21]

Guidance on sentencing in cases of affray was given by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, when giving judgment on appeals against sentence by appellants involved in the "Cottonmill riots" in October 1985 at the Broadwater Farm Estate, north London, during which Police Constable Keith Blakecock was killed.

The appellants were Paul Keys, aged 27, and Lester Sween, aged 18, of Edmonton, who were sentenced at the Central Criminal Court respectively to five years' imprisonment and five years' youth custody by the Recorder of London, Sir James Mackinnon and Simon Mart MacMinn, aged 19, who was sentenced at the same court to seven years' youth custody by Judge Denison, QC.

Mr David Wolchover, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals for the appellants Keys and Sween, and Terry Munday for the appellant MacMinn.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgments of the court, said that, concerning the appeals in respect of affray, the facts constituting affray and the possible degrees of participation in it were so variable and covered such a wide area of behaviour that it was difficult to formulate any helpful sentencing framework. Even if one succeeded, it was equally difficult to fit any particular case into the framework.

The crime of affray might range from the comparatively trivial rowdy scene spontaneously arising, for example, outside a public house at closing time, terrifying for a short time but soon over, up to the sort of lengthy pitched battle going on for hours which took place at Broadwater Farm, with scores of casualties, arson, looting and all that goes with that.

Their Lordships were not concerned in the instant case with the level of sentence to be imposed in the case of the less serious spontaneously arising cases of affray.

In the case of a very serious affray, where it was clear that there was at least some measure of premeditation, organization and central direction, the organizers and ringleaders, if they were detected - which would seldom be the case - could expect heavy sentences. They might be in the range of seven years and upwards, apart from any sentences imposed on them for specific offences, such as wounding with intent or the like: see *R v Pillgrim* (1983) 5 Cr App R (S) 140 and

Wider justification defence available

Maxwell v Pressdram Ltd and Another (No 2)
Before Lord Justice Gibson and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson
[Judgment November 18]

Where a publication alleged that the plaintiff in a libel action had paid for the foreign travel expenses of the Labour Party leader and that allegation was found to be incorrect, the defendants were still entitled to put before the jury a defence of justification on the wider ground that the plaintiff had nevertheless made substantial contributions to the Labour Party with an improper motive.

The Court of Appeal so held in an interlocutory appeal by the defendants, Pressdram Ltd and Mr Richard Ingram against Mr Justice Simon Brown in a trial before a jury, in a libel action brought against the defendants by the plaintiff, Mr Robert Maxwell.

The court allowed the appeal against the judge's first ruling that the defendants' plea of justification was not supported by evidence fit to go to the jury, but dismissed the appeal against the judge's second ruling that there was sufficient evidence in support of the plaintiff's claim to exemplary damages to justify the leaving of that part of the claim in the jury.

[On November 21 the jury found the libel proved and awarded £55,000 damages and costs in Mr Maxwell.]

Mr Andrew Bateson, QC and Mr Desmond Browne for the defendants; Mr Richard Hartley, QC and Mr Thomas Shields for Mr Maxwell.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the plaintiff's claim was for damages for two libels published in *Private Eye* in articles on July 12 and 26, 1985.

The plaintiff alleged that the first article contained words which in their natural and ordinary meaning meant that the plaintiff had acted or was acting as paymaster for trips made by Mr Neil Kinnock, the leader of the Labour Party, to East Africa, Central America and Moscow, and was thereby guilty of bribery or attempted bribery.

The second article included a cartoon showing what was intended to be understood as the likeness of the plaintiff's face in the horn of a gramophone and Mr Kinnock's face on an attentive dog.

With reference to the second libel, the plaintiff alleged that the words and cartoon in their natural and ordinary meaning and/or by way of legal innuendo, bore or were understood to bear the meaning that the plaintiff was guilty of bribery or attempted bribery.

The reference to innuendo was made by the special facts of the first article having been printed and it was suggested, read by many readers of the second.

The defendants denied that the words published or the cartoon bore or were understood to bear or were capable of bearing the meaning alleged by the plaintiff, or any meaning defamatory of him.

Further or alternatively, the defendants asserted that "the words complained of... are true in substance and in fact".

The particulars relied upon in support of the plea of justification were set out in several paragraphs, but the defendants had called no evidence in support of them.

What remained of the plea of justification was that the plaintiff had made available and offered to make available to the Labour Party, funds and his control by way of cash donations and financial support for particular projects and purposes.

It was also formally admitted that the plaintiff had at all times sought considerable publicity for himself and his activities, including his political activities in supporting the Labour Party and that when the plaintiff acquired control of Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd in 1984 he fulfilled a long-standing ambition of his to become a national newspaper proprietor.

As a result of the defendants' failure to produce evidence in support of the more important allegations in their particulars of justification (*The Times* November 12, 1985) the judge struck out the defence of fair comment and the question arose as to what really remained by way of defence in the action.

The defendants asserted that the first article if defamatory at all, bore only a wider defamatory meaning.

The "lesser" meaning was that the discreditable conduct of which the plaintiff was guilty was not anything as serious or extreme as bribery, but that he should be regarded as having made the relevant payments with the lesser improper motive of seeking to influence Mr Kinnock to recommend him for a peerage.

The wider defamatory meaning which the defendants contended the words were capable of bearing was that the plaintiff had an ambition to be a peer and was improperly seeking to achieve that by patronage of the Labour Party and in the self-publicity which he created through his control of the Mirror Group.

The defendants sought to justify this wider meaning by reference to and reliance not only on the words of the first article but also on the payments for Mr Kinnock's foreign travel but on other payments of £38,000 to the Boundary Commission Fighting Fund and £44,000 to the Labour Party at the 1984 Party Conference.

The judge had held it was not open to the defendants to allege as part of the wider meaning of the article anything about self-publicity or the plaintiff's control of the Mirror Group as there was no evidence to that effect.

It was not possible to say whether or not the jury would reach the conclusion that the words bore that meaning, but it was for them to decide.

The second matter of appeal was the judge's ruling that there was evidence fit to go to the jury in support of the plaintiff's claim for exemplary damages in relation to the second article.

The principle was that exemplary damages could only be awarded if the plaintiff proved that the defendant, when he made the publication, knew that he was committing a tort or was reckless as to whether it was tortious or not, and decided to publish because the prospects of material advantage outweighed the prospects of material loss.

No duty on council to provide speech therapy for child

Regina v Oxfordshire Education Authority, Ex parte W.
Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice McCowan
[Judgment November 21]

It was not irrational of a local education authority to have concluded that the provision of speech therapy for a boy aged nine, by his mother and next friend, for judicial review by way of declarations (i) that the Oxfordshire Education Authority's decision that the speech therapy which he was to receive was non-educational provision was irrational, and (ii) alternatively, that if the authority had been entitled to decide that speech therapy was not special educational provision, it had failed to consider whether it had power to make a grant for private speech therapy and, if it had such a power, whether it should exercise it.

Furthermore, the authority had no power or discretion to make a grant to pay for such therapy.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, dismissing an application by a boy aged nine, by his mother and next friend, for judicial review by way of declarations (i) that the Oxfordshire Education Authority's decision that the speech therapy which he was to receive was non-educational provision was irrational, and (ii) alternatively, that if the authority had been entitled to decide that speech therapy was not special educational provision, it had failed to consider whether it had power to make a grant for private speech therapy and, if it had such a power, whether it should exercise it.

Mr John Friel for the applicant; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr John Steel for the authority; Mr John Lewis for the Secretary of State for Education and Science and the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Ownership of taxi licence plate

Challoner v Evans
Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Peter Pain
[Judgment November 13]

Although a vehicle with a hackney carriage licence had an enhanced value it was not possible for the proprietor of a licensed hackney carriage to sell the vehicle but retain ownership of the licence plate.

Consequently an offence was committed under section 40 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 when the defendant stated in a requisition signed by him for the purpose of renewing the licence, that he was the proprietor of a hackney carriage he had sold without the plate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing an appeal by the prosecutor, Arthur Challoner against a dismissal by Croom-Justices of an information preferred against the defendant, David Leslie Evans.

Mr Robin Campbell for the prosecutor; Mr Geoffrey Grigson for the defendant.

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RUGBY UNION: THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF PECKING ORDERS

Inevitable conflict of interest between divisions and England

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

While England's leading clubs have done much in the last fortnight, to establish some kind of pecking order, the divisional selectors have been busy establishing their own pecking order of players.

England but was superseded by Richards who is now the leading candidate in his position for England's world cup squad.

So it is in the North this season. The divisional backs work out at Morley tomorrow but John Carleton, the Orrell centre who is a member of the national squad, is not among them.

The two requirements do not necessarily coincide. Last season, for instance, the Midlands—eventual winners of the championship—played the Coventry combination of Steve Thomas and Graham Robbins at scrum half and No. 8, which left no place for Dean Richards of Leicester.



Andrew: opted to play for the North

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Cardiff v Llanelli Llanelli are without the experienced Mike Price in their second row. P. J. Davies is expected to start in Cardiff's place against the Cornish side playing away from their home in the back.

Saracens v Aberystwyth Steve Jones, who has yet to be on the losing side for Saracens this season, returns at hooker. Steve Jones and Hancock at full back against the Cornish side playing away from their home in the back.

Waterloo v Rosslyn Park Park, delighted with the win over Waterloo last Saturday, is set to make full use of the players in their pack but they have to cope with a strong opposition.

Blackheath v Neath Blackheath at centre so Michaels plays inside and Anderson returns at scrum. Neath will have Gwynne and Thorburn, their main threats.

Nottingm v Birmingham Nottingham rest Ross, who has a groin infection, and play Thomas at centre. Neath will have Gwynne and Thorburn, their main threats.

S Wales Police v Bristol Bristol play their first test at Waterloo in front of a large crowd. The match is expected to be a close affair.

Harlequins v Cambridge U John Hartman has recovered from a back injury and returns on the wing for Cambridge. He is expected to start in Harlequins' place against the Cornish side playing away from their home in the back.

L Scottish v Oxford U John Scarle, who won Blue at Oxford in 1982-3, comes into the Scottish back row against the Oxford side playing away from their home in the back.

Beaufort v Coventry John Davidson, formerly of Leicester, replaces Owen in Beaufort's back row. Coventry play backing up against the Cornish side playing away from their home in the back.

Leicester v Moseley Sam Masters joins Shillington and Jenkins in Leicester's back row. Masters is expected to start in Leicester's place against the Cornish side playing away from their home in the back.

Centenary that will sparkle

By George Ace

A galaxy of international talent is on view at Ravenhill today for the centenary clash between Ulster, the reigning champions, and Leicester with the Dry. Blackthorn inter-provincial championship at stake.

at the helm before Lions' commitments forced him to hand over the reins to the present coach, Jimmy Davidson. McBride said at the time of his appointment that it would take three or four years to get things right and his blueprint for success has been enlarged and developed by Davidson.

the classical mode but the selectors are surely gambling in re-signing McBride to mark the centenary level in 1983 and the last of his 13 caps in 1981.

Czech's asylum bid Minneapolis (AFP) - Andrej Holikova, aged 19, the tennis player from the former Czechoslovakia could apply for political asylum in the United States in order to be with her fiancé, a spokesman for the Minnesota senator, Dave Durenberger, said on Thursday.

ARMY

Army showing progressive ideas

By Sydney Friskin

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Buckinghamshire centre-forward, Safi Flora, will no doubt be closely marked by Hughes, and Carnieri in their squad, are not short of talent and should offer a strong challenge.

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TENNIS: SHRIVER REACHES FIFTH CONSECUTIVE SEMI-FINAL

Mandlikova loses her temper and place in last four

From Barry Wood, New York



Mandlikova: a performance reminiscent of McEnroe

Hana Mandlikova's explosive temperament cost her a place in the semi-finals of the Virginia Slims Championships here, as she was defeated 4-6, 7-6, 6-1 by Shriver again American Pam Shriver.

Shriver, aged 24, has now reached five consecutive semi-finals after reassessing her game following criticism from her friend and doubles partner, Martina Navratilova at the US Open.

A week can be a long time in tennis. In a classic confrontation, the match in Chicago ended with the players lunging each other at the net in mutual respect. But just a few days later their re-match ensued with the Czech totally losing control over a number of dubious line-calls.

Shriver knew the crucial calls had been wrong. "She made an unbelievable volley and it landed plumb on the line, and then I heard 'out, game'. What you do then is feel rotten and take the game. You can't do anything about it and it happens all the time," she said.

Why looking to the past may secure the Wightman Cup's future Searching for a balance of power

Nancy Jeffett, chairman of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), said yesterday that at its next meeting, in March, the committee would consider a suggestion that the United States team should be restricted to players born in today's equivalent of the 13 original British colonies.

of genuine competition, but does not favour the 13-colonies idea. She suspects that a United States under-23 team might temporarily be justified. Angela Barrett, who played Wightman Cup tennis from 1953 to 1964, says of the 13-colonies scheme: "That could make it more interesting because it would give the US an outside chance of winning occasionally."

The series was begun in 1923, and the United States and 48-49. In the last eight contests, they have won 50 matches and lost only six. Three weeks ago a United States "reserve" team inflicted on Britain

Another former Wightman Cup player, Sue Mappin, now the national team manager, points out that the series has a distinctive and enduring status, unlike other more sporadic events outside the usual run of tournaments. "It's probably inevitable that a revival will happen at some time," she says.

SMOOKER

Exciting possibilities in unusual line-up

By Sydney Friskin

The line-up for the third round of the Tennants United Kingdom Championship, which is to be resumed today at the Guild Hall, Preston, has a slightly strange look about it.

BASKETBALL

The stakes are raised in the Prudential Cup

By Nicholas Harling

There will be more of a sudden-death element than usual about the Prudential National Cup tonight at Bracknell when both of the two remaining quarter-finals take place.

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RACING

Triptych to fly the European flag in Tokyo showpiece

Triptych, not the best but by far the toughest top-class performer in Europe this season...

JAPAN CUP FIELDS

Table with 3 columns: Race, Horses, Odds. Includes 6.20 JAPAN CUP (Grade 1) and 3 Triptych, 9-2 Waverley Star...

Bartres well treated

In his younger days as a hurdler, Bartres was an especially well individual but schooling over fences...

RACING RESULTS

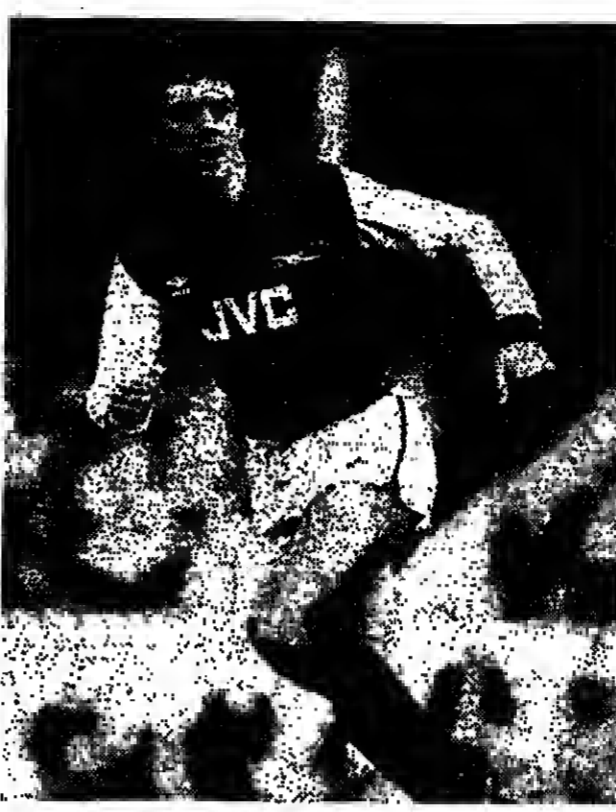
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FOOTBALL: EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP THE KEY TO SURPRISE LEADERS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS

Arsenal in a rush to exploit the vacuum at Liverpool

By Clive White

Arsenal have their eyes on Ian Rush. But before Arsenal supporters start reaching for the champagne I should add that not even the Highbury coffers amount to that much...



O'Leary: past disappointments provide present impetus

Eight victories in the last 10 matches have relieved the pressure on Graham to find that rare individual. But his refusal to part with £1m for one player has meant that his dream of discovering someone in the lower divisions may have to become a reality.

Shoe-string Royle moves upwards with stylish touch

By Peter Ball

With his clean-cut, youthful looks and smart blue striped suit, Joe Royle looked more like the archetypal young, upwardly mobile executive than anyone's idea of a football manager...

Voted player of the season

He confesses that he went off the rails for a time. "I had just won my second cap against Yugoslavia in 1972. In all modesty I had an outstanding season, and the press were saying I was the centre forward England had been waiting for..."

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Arsenal (1) v Man Utd (1) (19) Arsenal who have dropped a virus Forest will be unchanged. Oxford U (1) v Tottenham (9) Ardis is poised to start his first league game since April...

A national network is created

Britain are to set up a network of national centres to co-ordinate information on the latest developments in sports coaching. Miss Sue Campbell, the director of the National Coaching Foundation said yesterday that 12 centres in Britain and in Northern Ireland should be operational by May 1987.

Badminton Criticism on every front for Baddeley

Baddeley and Hall, the English national champion, being in the same half of the draw, which is against IBF regulations. It was too late to change this and the draw probably favours Hall that way anyway.

Rackets Tonbridge pair in last four

The young Tonbridge first pair, Jonathan Spurling and Rupert Owen-Brown, reached the quarter-finals of the Noel Bruce Cup in spectacular fashion when they eliminated the men's third pair, the brothers Dave and Graham.

Squash Rackets Expletive deletes rueful Graham

Robert Graham, the England junior captain and as clean-cut a young sportsman as you could wish to meet, yesterday found himself standing outside a first round court at Redwood Lodge, Bristol, effectively disqualified from the Inter-City national championships for rudition.

The statistics that are crucial to the future

Salmon rests in Scotland are likely to go up again for the coming season, though not more than about three to five per cent. In some rivers they may be held at or near present levels. The increase is based partly on increased costs as well as on the results for this year.

Swede advances

Bergan (A-P) The No. 2 seed, Jan Gunnarsson, of Sweden, beat Peter Manning of West Germany, 6-3, 6-4 in the second round of the \$50,000 Bergen Open tennis tournament on Thursday night.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with 3 columns: Sport, Event, Result. Includes Badminton, Football, Squash Rackets, and Tennis results.

CRICKET: BATTING FAILURES SHOULD NOT CAUSE SERIOUS CONCERN

England suffer on awkward pitch

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Newcastle, New South Wales

It would be unwise to make too much of the fact that England lost their first eight wickets for only 106 runs against New South Wales here yesterday. They found a slow and awkward pitch (not to be mistaken for a sticky one), and were up against as good an attack as Australia's in Brisbane or the one they are likely to field in the second Test in Perth in six days time.



End of a 14-run innings, which took 50 minutes, as the England all-rounder, Botham, is caught by Taylor

ing something more congenial for batting. Such is the itinerary that, outside the Tests, there remain after this only two first-class matches before the tour ends in mid-February. For anyone not in the first-class series is going to be an awful lot of hanging around, unless a decision is taken to vary the one-day team.

Even Botham spent 50 minutes making 14 yesterday. Broad made a conscientious 31 in the first two hours before being leg-before, while the stroke, Slack got his head down for 65 minutes before hitting across the line of a full length ball. Athey was leg before when applying himself fully and Gower was caught in the covers when barely applying himself at all.

Whitaker must have left wishing he had put the bat more firmly to the ball after giving a return catch off one that came very slowly from the pitch; Botham left convinced that the low slip catch to which he was given out, off a Holland leg break, had not carried to the fielder. Embury survived as long as he played his paddle shot; upon deserting it for the forward pro he was caught at silly point off bat and pad.

At 106 for eight after 53 overs, England's display had had nothing much to recommend it. But Foster followed his 74 not out against Queensland in his only previous first-class match with a sensible, hard-hitting 25. Small had fun driving and hooking Lawson

and Whitney, and French, with an admirable 38 not out, should have improved his chances of getting his Test place back.

When he first played against an England touring side, 21 years ago, Holland's six overs cost him 53 runs. He expected that he would be remembered for having been called into the Australian team for the last two Tests in England in 1981 when he was having a season playing for Gloucestershire's second XI.

But by England's nine, 10 and jack, the New South Wales bowlers were more content with some discipline. When Foster, French and Small were in, runs came at nearly three an over; the day's other 75 overs, when the batsmen were batting, yielded only 121 runs.

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Table with cricket statistics for England's first innings, including names of batsmen and their runs.

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Miandad averts potential disaster for Pakistan

From Richard Streeton, Karachi

Two late wickets taken by West Indies redressed the balance in the third Test match here yesterday after a day which mostly went Pakistan's way. It also brought the first controversy for the Indian umpires officiating in this series, as Marshall, the player involved. Contrasting batting by Javed Miandad and Ramiz Raja seemed to have kept Pakistan on the right path as they set out to try and build a first-innings lead.

Even though the West Indies remained to the close when he was 42 not out after four hours unremitting concentration. Pakistan, finished at 157 for four wickets in reply to the West Indies' 240. With the pitch still mostly playable, the match remains evenly poised, though Pakistan must secure the lead they seek if they are to win.

Marshall, during the morning, had clearly disagreed with Mr. Marshall's judgement of the pitch before appeals against the Pakistan opening batsmen. In the early evening, he openly argued when he was not-bailed by the same umpire.

As Marshall and the umpire talked, Richards, the West Indies captain, ran from slip to join in and the other umpire, Mr. Ramnamsamy, also took part in the discussions which held up the game for seven minutes.

After play ended, Mr. Reporter said he had complained to Jackie Hendriks, the West Indies manager, about what had happened. He criticized Mar-

WEEKEND FOOTBALL AND OTHER FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for the first division, including Arsenal v Manchester City, Chelsea v Newcastle, etc.

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Table listing football fixtures for the fourth division, including Aldershot v Rochdale, Burnley v Lincoln, etc.

Table listing other sports fixtures including GM-Vauxhall Conference, Scottish premier division, Scottish first division, etc.

David Miller on Britain's increasing sporting isolation

Domestic strife has become an embarrassment abroad

The Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) has been discussing, at its annual conference, the decline in international sports leadership. In any attempt to reassert former influence, the biggest mistake that Britain can make is to insist on foreign intelligence with the inference that they do not have our integrity.

The lack of grace with which the British accepted Birmingham's defeat in their bid to stage the Olympic Games, when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted last month in Lausanne, was a prime example of this insensitivity. It was as if the IOC had been the most central points that they were there in Lausanne to prove that we still have dignity and we know how to lose.

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A reflection of foreign policy

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YACHTING

Australians join forces

There are three very equal 12-metre yachts out there. In Jones's view, Australia III can best contribute to what he describes as "the back of a battle in front of the pack as a 12-metre racing machine."

Biddlecombe rescued

John Biddlecombe, the Australian solo yachtsman competing in the BOC round-the-world race, had to be rescued by the South African Navy yesterday after his 60ft boat, ACI Crusader, developed serious steering problems.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SATURDAY

Table listing regional television variations for Saturday, including BBC1, BBC2, Granada, etc.

SUNDAY

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OTHER SPORT

Table listing other sports fixtures including Handball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, etc.

SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Just when non-sporting viewers thought they had safely come through BBC Television's current 50th birthday celebrations without having to endure one of those convoluted programmes every other sectional interest has to put up with...

CHOICE

types can be persuaded to tune in, the indulgent could be as simple as the desire to find out who the commentator was who had to eat his hat...



Krov Mennhin, his wife Anne and son Aaron: South Seas Voyage, repeated on Channel 4, 1.00



Charlotte Attenborough and Dirk Bogarde: May We Borrow Your Husband? On ITV, 7.45pm

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Dirk Bogarde acted both wisely and unwisely in associating himself with May We Borrow Your Husband? (ITV, 7.45pm). He is in his element in the observational role of the mature man who sees an immature girl losing her husband to a couple of predatory homosexuals...

believes that such a worldly-wise writer (the Bogarde role) would see the incredibly naive girl (no matter how charmingly played by Charlotte Attenborough) as anything but an object for pity, not for love...

Peter Davalle

- BBC 1: 8.30 Family-Ness, (r) 8.35 The Muppet Babies, 9.00 Saturday SuperStore...

- BBC 2: 8.00 Cee-fax, 10.45 Open University, 1.30 Cee-fax, 2.05 Films: The Great Lie...

- TV-AM: 6.55 TV-am presented by Mike Morley, 7.30 The Wide Awake Club...

- CHANNEL 4: 8.25 A Question of Economics, Part 5b, (r) 8.50 What is the Day?...

- BBC 1: 8.55 Play School, 9.15 Articles of Faith, 10.30 Blue Peter...

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- TV-AM: 6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Comment, 7.00 Are You Awake Yet?...

- CHANNEL 4: 9.25 Sunday East, Magazine programme for Britain's Asian communities...

- MF (medium wave), Stereo on VHF (see below), News on the half-hour until 1.00pm...

- 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News, 7.05 Jubilee Purcell, Bright Cecilia (English Baroque Soloists and Music for a while)...

- Freude, BWV 227: RIAS Chamber Choir, Bruckner/Symphonisch No 9: Berlin Philharmonic...

- Op 2: Lachrymae, Op 48, for viola and piano, A. Posson (violin), A. Posson (piano)...

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- 1.15 Kenhall: Darguzang State SO under Darguzang State SO under Darguzang State SO...

- 7.00 York Winds: Performance of Ferenc Farkas's Concerto for the Symphonic No 6...

- WORLD SERVICE: 6.00 Newswatch (Sun) 6.30 News, 7.00 News, 7.30 News...

- On long wave, (a) stereo on VHF, 6.55 Shipping, 6.50 News Briefing, 6.55 Weather...

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- Weekend: News, 2.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time visits the borough of St Edmundsbury in Suffolk...

- 2.30 The Afternoon Play, On May Day, by Jeffrey Copley, Post-Chernobyl drama (3), The Last of the Mohicans (4), The Last of the Mohicans (4)...

- 3.30 Talking About Andrius, Bernard Price and David Gifford answer listeners' questions...

